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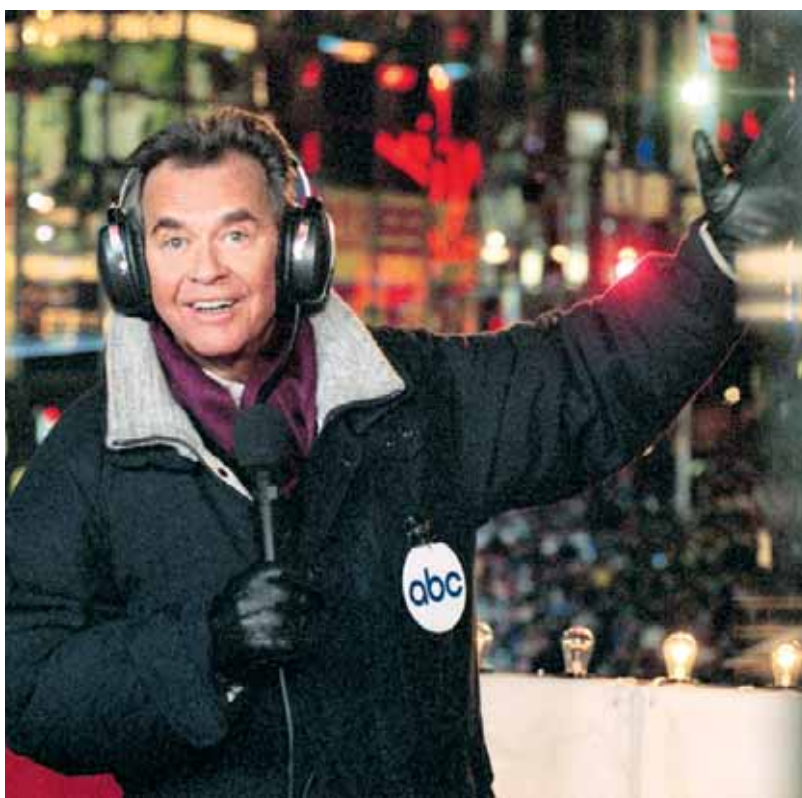
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SO LONG, DICK CLARK

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In this undated file photo released by ABC, Dick Clark hosts the New Year's eve special from New York's Times Square. Clark, the television host who helped bring rock 'n' roll into the mainstream on American Bandstand, has died. He was 82. Spokesman Paul Shefrin says Clark died but did not provide further details. Clark had continued performing even after he suffered a stroke in 2004 that affected his ability to speak and walk.

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Parole denied for man convicted in Mountie deaths

Consequences. Shawn Hennessey, 32, was sentenced in January 2009 to 15 years in prison — later reduced to 10

People who have suffered because of the murder of four Alberta RCMP officers quietly wept as a man convicted of manslaughter in the deaths pleaded for parole Wednesday within the walls of a remote prison.

Shawn Hennessey's bid for day parole and temporary unescorted passes was rejected by officials who said it is too soon — that he needs to be more open about what he did and how

he is dealing with the enormity of the crime.

Just before the ruling was handed down, Hennessey told the hearing he is slowly coming to grips with the consequences of his decision to help gunman James Roszko in the hours before the Mounties were ambushed on March 3, 2005, on his farm near Mayerthorpe.

"I played a very large part in a very tragic event that led to the loss of four lives, the lives of four men that were sworn to preserve and protect," Hennessey said as the mothers of two of the dead Mounties looked on inside the Grande Cache prison chapel.

"I can never imagine what those families have

gone through. The despair and anguish that they have suffered. I am ashamed of myself for allowing me to be involved.

"This is something that will haunt me for the rest of my life. I will live with this on my conscience for the rest of my life."

Hennessey, 32, was sentenced in January 2009 to 15 years in prison, but that was reduced to 10 years, four months and 15 days because he pleaded guilty and spent time in pretrial custody.

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Out on the street

Councillors probe outdoor patio process

Patio season would be a whole lot more enjoyable in Edmonton if there were more patios, say city councillors.

At a meeting Wednesday, councillors requested a report as soon as possible on the current process restaurant and café owners have to go through to apply for a patio licence come spring and summer.

"The short answer I've heard is (it takes) too long," said Coun. Kerry Diotte.

Council wants to make the process, which can take months, easier but also increase options, said Coun. Don Iveson, adding the report will touch on operating hours, heaters, using parking and sidewalk space and more.

"We've had business owners contact each one of us with concerns about the current process," he said. "And I think that outdoor living is really important to vibrant cities."

Those with licences to put tables and chairs out on sidewalks were allowed to do so after April 1, but the application must be made every year, said Iveson.

Gill Tataeb opened Crepe Symphony a few weeks ago and mused about a patio not only on the sidewalk of Rice Howard Way downtown, but in the parking stalls as well.

"In the summer, what the city needs is enjoyment of good weather," he said.

Diotte agreed, noting one of his researchers discovered Vancouver has 600 outdoor patios while Edmonton has just over 60, most of which are licensed for alcohol.

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Three years ago, after 40 years apart, Manitoba writer Marianne Curtis, left, was reunited with her birth mom, Edmontonian Carol Walsh. CONTRIBUTED

Social-media reunion sparks book of memoirs

Facebook find.
City-born adoptee reconnects with mother after 40 years, pens book about life



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Social media is credited with reuniting a Manitoba writer and her biological mother.

Marianne Curtis was born in Edmonton, but settled provinces away after being adopted.

After her adoptive mom died in 2009, on a whim she sent out Facebook messages

to people around Edmonton sharing her birth surname, not expecting much in return.

But after finding a cousin, it was not long before she got a call from her biological mother.

"I was terrified. I didn't want to let her down," said Curtis of the first phone conversation with the retired elementary school teacher.

Soon after Curtis, now with four children of her own, spent her first birthday — her 41st — with the woman who'd given her life.

"Apparently, she'd been lighting candles every year for me for 40 years," said Curtis, whose memoir about her life, *Finding Gloria*, will

launch May 1.

The book chronicles her struggle, including fleeing an abusive adoptive home at 15.

When she went back to complete high school in 2004, it was a school assignment that prompted her to first recount her painful life.

Curtis said she found the process both painful and therapeutic.

"I've now been able to talk about my life openly. I just hope it helps people," she said.

Carol Walsh, Marianne's birth mother, couldn't be prouder.

"All I can say is I am so extremely excited and thankful we found each other," said Walsh.

Finding Gloria

- Marianne Curtis writes for the Dawson Trail Dispatch in southern Manitoba.
- *Finding Gloria*, a title taken from Curtis' name at birth, Gloria Jean, is her first book.
- It is available in paperback or e-copy at mariannecurtis.wordpress.com/finding-gloria and will ultimately also be for sale in bookstores, on Amazon.com and Kindle.

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On the web

A hot shot at the sun

NASA has released photos and video footage of a glowing red loop of plasma erupting from the sun's surface on Monday. Watch at metronews.ca.

Historical horns of a dilemma

Ever wonder who came up with the genius idea that Vikings should wear hats with horns? Turns out, probably no one (well, maybe poets and artists). Watch as this and other historical misconceptions are set straight at metronews.ca.

Mobile news



A 'monster' international drug bust nabbed more than 43 tonnes of hash, says the RCMP. The estimated \$860 million worth of hash destined for Halifax and Montreal was found in several countries, including Pakistan, Belgium, Italy and Canada. Scan the code for the story.



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Your candidates. Edmonton-Mill Woods

Joanne Autio: Wildrose



Joanne has represented Albertans for 30 years in sales and marketing, in her communities, and as a casting agent in the film and television industry. Her work and extensive travel throughout Joanne has owned and operated her own business and has worked in private and corporate sectors in Alberta.

Sohail Quadri: PC



Sohail Quadri has been living in Edmonton for the past 20 years. He has many accomplishments in life including personal, charitable and business ventures. His experience as an entrepreneur taught him leadership while his family life and faith contributed to discipline.

Sandra Azocar: NDP



Sandra is a child protection worker, a community organizer, a labour activist, and a mother who has lived in Edmonton Mill Woods since 1982. During her childhood in Chile, she saw the power of politics to impact real people and real families.

Robert Leddy: Alberta Party



Robert graduated from the University of Alberta with a B.A. in anthropology and is currently employed as a Surety Broker. He served as Interim Leader and past policy chair of the Alberta Party. He helped found the Edmonton-Mill Woods CA in December 2010 and has been an active member of the Alberta Party since August 2008.

Weslyn Mather: Liberal



Weslyn Mather was the member of the Alberta Legislative Assembly for Edmonton — Mill Woods from 2004-2008. She served as the shadow minister responsible for Children's Services. Born in Lethbridge, Weslyn has been an Alberta resident for 60 years and a resident of Mill Woods for 20 years. Weslyn is a Registered Psychologist.

Your candidates. Edmonton-Riverview

John Corie: Wildrose



John Corie was born and raised in Edmonton and resides in the Edmonton-Riverview constituency with his wife Mary and daughter Claire. He is currently the area manager of an Edmonton-based consulting firm, responsible for company operations throughout Northern Alberta.

Steve Young: PC



Born and raised in Alberta, Steve is a fourth-generation Albertan who grew up just outside of Edmonton in the County of Strathcona. After obtaining his bachelor degree in education, Steve joined the EPS as an officer realizing that the police could not simply arrest their way towards greater public safety.

Lori Sigurdson: NDP



Lori Sigurdson is the professional affairs coordinator for the Alberta College of Social Workers. She also teaches social work at MacEwan University and the University of Calgary. As well, she facilitates groups for offenders of spousal violence.

Timothy Wong: Alberta Party



Timothy is a University of Alberta graduate and employed by an Edmonton manufacturer of building materials for the last nine years. He also enjoys teaching cello on the side. He sat as the Vice-President of his children's play school in Riverview for three years.

Arif Khan: Liberal



Arif Khan is the Alberta Liberal Party candidate in Edmonton Riverview. Arif holds an MBA degree and has over 20 years of management experience working for a Global Multinational Company (Ford Credit Canada Limited) in the United States and Canada. **COMPILED BY LAURIE CALLEN/METRO**



Progressive Conservative Leader Alison Redford looks over a conveyor belt moving potatoes for packing while touring Scholting's Produce Inc. during one of her stops on the campaign trail in Lacombe, Alta, on Wednesday. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Undecided voters up for grabs in final weekend

Election on Monday. Leaders make their final pitch as several surveys peg the number of undecided votes at 20 per cent

The race between the two conservative parties in the Alberta election campaign has been likened to a nasty right-wing divorce — the Wildrose splitting from its Progressive Conservative

roots and both parties now fighting to claim custody of undecided voters.

Several surveys have the number of votes still up for grabs at 20 per cent — a number that hasn't budged much throughout the campaign.

Monday's election result could hinge on whether Danielle Smith's Wildrose party, made up largely of disgruntled Tories, can persuade the fence-sitters to give her the nod rather than Premier Alison Redford's Progressive Conservatives.

"It's a big decision we're

asking people to make. Having voted for the same way for 41 years, we're now asking people to make a decision to move in a different direction with a new party," Smith said Wednesday.

The issue of strategic voting has been raised in recent days — supporting one party to keep another from winning the election.

But Redford said earlier in the week that she wasn't aware of any such movement by Liberal or NDP supporters to keep the Wildrose at bay.

"I think there's a lot of

Albertans who are undecided and are starting to decide where to go. I know what I'm hearing from my candidates at the door is Albertans are very engaged," she said.

David Taras, a political science professor at Mount Royal University in Calgary, said the impact of having a high number of undecided voters is overblown.

"The number may be high but it's not as significant as you would expect," said Taras, adding that only about one in five undecideds ends up voting. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Election

Mayor repudiates Wildrose anti-gay comments

Edmonton's mayor said he's not satisfied with Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith's lack of response to anti-gay comments made by her candidate.

Mayor Stephen Mandel said Wednesday there's no place for homophobia in Alberta.

Allan Hunsperger came under fire Sunday for an earlier blog post stating gays and lesbians will burn in a lake of fire.

Smith said Hunsperger was writing as a pastor and it's not for her to discriminate. **METRO**

Man charged

Child witness to indecent act sought by police

Edmonton police are looking for a child after she allegedly witnessed a man performing an indecent act near McCauley School, 107 Avenue

and 96 Street, Tuesday around 5 p.m.

She is believed to be eight or younger and police say she was followed by the man.

Though the accused is charged, police are hoping to speak to the unidentified girl.

The accused, described as a balding Caucasian male about 50 years old, 150

pounds and five-foot-eight, is charged with an indecent act to a child under 16, invitation to sexual touching and causing a disturbance by indecent exhibition. **METRO**

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Anyone with information can call EPS at 780-423-4567.

Police get final funds for more officers

Service scrub. EPS departments doing third 'scrub' in a year, searching for efficiencies



HEATHER MCINTYRE

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After receiving the final \$1.8 million needed to hire 68 more members for his violence-reduction strategy, Edmonton Police Service Chief Rod Knecht doesn't know if the same kind of numbers will be needed next year.

"It's too early to say right now," he told city council Wednesday. "We are in a full scrub of the service."

That scrub — at least the third in a year — will see each department outline a three per cent reduction in search of efficiencies.

There may be zero reduction in some — such as homicide — but six per cent in others, as well as the elimination of some programs, said Knecht.

When Mayor Stephen Mandel asked if the policing system has changed due to social services focused on and supplied over the last five years, Knecht said yes.

He pointed to CAT teams; focusing on crime "hotspots"; and not having any officer sit idle despite where they are based as three working initiatives.

Budgeting

- The \$4.8-million request for 65 sworn officers and three civilians was made during 2012 budget deliberations, when council approved \$3 million.

- Council also agreed to an annual increase of \$2.3 million starting in 2013

for annualization costs, while EPS revenue should cover some of the remaining costs.

- There are currently about 1,600 EPS officers, though the number fluctuates due to attrition.



To serve and protect: EPS fundraiser at Cora goes over easy

EPS Const. Amanda Trenchard traded cuffs for crêpes Wednesday at Cora as part of Cops and Crêpes. EPS members, sheriffs, RCMP and corrections officers waited tables to raise money and awareness for the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics. **SHELLEY WILLIAMSON/METRO**

Land 'badly beaten' by Occupy gets a makeover

The grass is being reseeded at Occupy Edmonton's former camping grounds on private land at 102 Street and Jasper Avenue.

"It was a little bit beaten up," Melcor president Ralph

Young said of the group's five-week stay in tents and a teepee.

"It wasn't totally damaged but it had been pretty badly beaten last fall."

The protesters wouldn't

leave despite being asked, and were eventually removed by police.

"They indicated previously that they would help clean it up. But I haven't heard from them again,"

said Young.

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Jacob and Anja Oosterwijk are reaching out to a few individuals who helped rescue them from the B.C. backcountry.
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Rescued pair want to say thank you

Ordeal. Jacob Oosterwijk describes cabin where he and wife took shelter as 'beautiful prison'

Back in the comfort of their own home, an Alberta couple who spent three days trapped in the B.C. wilderness reached out to a few mystery helpers Tuesday.

Jacob and Anja Oosterwijk ventured from Fort Macleod on a day trip to Fernie, B.C., Saturday morning. What was supposed to be a relaxing time in the mountains quickly turned to frustration and fear after the couple's SUV became stuck and they were forced to trudge aimlessly through deep snow for hours in

Health

- Jacob Oosterwijk suffered a minor knee injury while walking through snow in B.C.'s Bull River area, but other than that, he and wife Anja were reported to be in good health Tuesday.

search of shelter.

"We went through different emotions," Jacob said Tuesday. "We were more worried about our kids back home, because they didn't know what was going on."

Finally, the Oosterwijks found an empty cabin in B.C.'s Bull River area that Jacob believes was likely reserved for summer getaways. They took shelter in there, found a working radio and were eventually able to call for help Monday

afternoon.

"It was a logger 10 miles away," Jacob said.

That logger, who Jacob hopes to get in touch with, was eventually able to radio the RCMP and the couple were rescued by helicopter late Monday.

"We are so lucky," Jacob said. "This cabin had food in it, it had a wood stove so we could get warm — that was important."

The Oosterwijks hope now to find and thank the cabin owners.

"I even took a measurement of the window I broke to get in so I could replace it," Jacob said.

The couple's oldest daughter, Gerdine Oosterwijk, said she and her siblings were elated to have their parents back home.

"We can't thank everyone enough," she said.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

EPS

Officer charged in cop-car crash

Charges have been laid against a five-year member of the Edmonton Police Service following a crash last summer that injured two officers and an 18-year-old ride-along participant.

Police said the accused was responding to a high-priority call last July 29 around 8:15 p.m. when the marked EPS vehicle crashed at 167 Avenue and 91 Street.

The charges followed a review by the EPS collision-investigation unit and a meeting with the Crown, police said.

Const. Mark Rosenow is charged with dangerous driving causing bodily harm and remains on operational duty. **METRO**

Garth Brooks

Most tix were up for grabs: Agency

Canada's largest ticketing agency has confirmed nearly all tickets to Garth Brooks' Calgary Stampede concert were made available for public purchase.

After inquiring with the artist's representatives, Stampede officials and Ticketmaster spokesperson Jacqueline Peterson said more than 90 per cent of tickets to the show in July were made available.

Peterson said her organization took the unusual step of inquiring about the number of tickets sold after facing criticism from fans and online resale sites claiming, in some cases, as few as 20 per cent of tickets are made available to fans.

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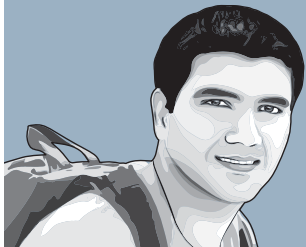
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Khadr transfer from Guantanamo in Ottawa's hands

Diplomatic favour. Sources suggest U.S. hopes to speed transfer of prisoner back to Canada

Convicted Canadian war criminal Omar Khadr, who became a poster child for the excesses of the war on terror, is a significant step closer to leaving Guantanamo Bay with a formal request for his transfer to Canada now in Ottawa's hands.

But diplomatic wrangling persisted, with one source suggesting the Americans were "desperate" to send Khadr home, and that a reluctant Canadian government was essentially being strong-armed into taking him.

According to the source, the Americans are "bending over backwards" to ensure Khadr's exit from Guantanamo Bay and would have to "bend their way around a number of their own rules" to make that happen.



Convicted war criminal Omar Khadr.
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"The U.S. needs to get rid of this guy for their own reasons," said one source familiar with the file.

A spokeswoman for Public Safety Minister Vic Toews confirmed on Wednesday that the federal government was considering the request to take him off U.S. hands, which sparked an outpouring of mostly anti-Khadr reaction among Canadians.

Mark Toner, spokesman for the U.S. State Department, acknowledged Wednesday that Washington wanted to empty Guantanamo's cells and that the government had approved Khadr's transfer.

Khadr, 25, was eligible to return to Canada from Guantanamo Bay last October under terms of a deal reached a year earlier in which he pleaded guilty to five war crimes committed in Afghanistan as a 15-year-old.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government has been reluctant to accept Khadr and diplomatic arm-twisting over his transfer has continued.

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Funding shortfall. New hearing ordered for First Nations child welfare

A new Federal Court ruling on child welfare clears the way for First Nations to challenge federal funding for education, policing and health care, says the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

The court handed First Nations groups and child-welfare advocates a victory on Wednesday, ordering a new hearing into whether Ottawa is discriminating against native children.

The ruling rejected the federal government's technical attempts to prevent First Nations groups from arguing for better funding for child welfare on reserves.

"This is an important victory, not only for the First Nations who are involved in the case..." acting human rights commissioner David Langtry said in an interview.

First Nations groups say Ottawa is discriminating against native kids because the support the feds provide for child welfare on reserves is much lower than what kids off reserves get from provincial governments — even though the need is greater.

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A boy from Cat Lake First Nation in northern Ontario lounges in the bright spring sun on April 13. HEATHER SCOFFIELD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tori Stafford trial

Accused made Facebook post on day of murder

Hours before eight-year-old Victoria Stafford was abducted, allegedly sexually assaulted and killed, the man accused in her death bragged online that good things were coming his way.

Michael Rafferty had taken to Facebook to post an upbeat status message, the court heard.

"Everything good is coming my way," he wrote. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Elephant fallout

Toronto Zoo loses accreditation

After more than three decades, the Toronto Zoo has been denied accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

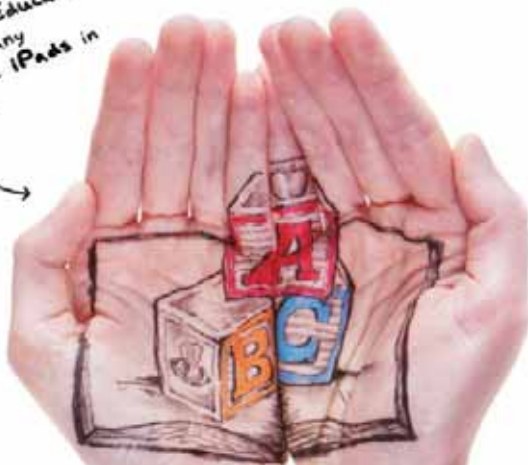
The zoo is still able to operate but has lost the approval of the association, after a controversial decision to ship three of the zoo's elephants to a sanctuary in the United States.

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Texas nurse charged in killing, baby abduction



In this undated family snapshot, Kala Marie Golden poses with her two sons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Texas woman accused of killing a young mother and abducting her three-day-old boy had suffered a miscarriage and intended to "adopt" the newborn as her own, authorities said Wednesday.

Verna McClain, 30, is charged with capital murder after confessing to killing the new mother and grabbing tiny Keegan Golden from outside a pediatrician's office in suburban Houston. Keegan was found unharmed hours later with McClain's sister.

The Montgomery County sheriff's office said Wednesday that McClain - estranged from her husband,

with whom she had raised three children - had told her fiancé she was pregnant and had given birth to his child. Instead, McClain had miscarried, Capt. Bruce Zenor said.

McClain's sister, Corina Jackson, told authorities that she had talked about needing to "do the adoption" soon after taking Keegan.

Her fiancé, who was not identified Wednesday, is being interviewed by authorities.

Sheriff Tommy Gage said Kala Golden had placed Keegan into her pickup truck Tuesday afternoon after leaving Northwoods Pediatric

Center in Spring, about 32 kilometres north of Houston. The suspected shooter was parked next to her, Gage said.

During the confrontation, the woman repeatedly shot Golden, then snatched the child from her truck and drove away, according to witness accounts.

McClain is a vocational nurse, a job that involves providing basic nursing services under the direction of registered nurses and doctors. She does not work at the pediatric centre, according to a clinic receptionist, Jackie Longoria.

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Police tipped off

Two detectives spotted a vehicle on Tuesday outside a nearby apartment complex that matched witnesses' descriptions.

- Investigators said McClain's statements included only information the shooter would know.
- Police allege McClain's plan was to kidnap any child and that Golden was simply a convenient target.

The oldest teenager

Television icon Dick Clark dies

Dick Clark, the ever-youthful television host and tireless entrepreneur who helped bring rock 'n' roll into the mainstream on "American Bandstand," and later produced and hosted a vast range of programming from game shows to the New Year's Eve countdown from Times Square, has died. He was 82.

Spokesman Paul Shefrin

said Clark had a heart attack Wednesday morning at Saint John's hospital in Santa Monica, where he had gone the day before for an outpatient procedure.

Clark had continued performing even after he suffered a stroke in 2004 that affected his ability to speak and walk.

Long dubbed "the world's oldest teenager" because of his boyish appearance, Clark bridged the rebellious new music scene and traditional show

business, and equally comfortable whether chatting about music with Sam Cooke or bantering with Ed McMahon about TV bloopers.

He thrived as the founder of Dick Clark Productions, supplying movies, game and music shows, beauty contests and more to TV. Among his credits: "The \$25,000 Pyramid," "TV's Bloopers and Practical Jokes" and the American Music Awards.

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Television legend Dick Clark died of a heart attack on Wednesday. He was 82. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Mega Millions

Illinois couple claim final share of huge lottery jackpot

A retired Illinois couple claimed the third and final share of last month's record \$656 million US Mega Millions jackpot Wednesday, and said they plan to treat themselves — possibly even to a vacation — once they've sorted out how to invest their windfall.

Merle and Patricia Butler

bought a \$3 quick-pick ticket to the March 30 drawing at the Motomart convenience store in their village of Red Bud, a farming community 65 kilometres southeast of St. Louis. They have opted to collect their winnings — \$158 million after taxes — in a lump-sum payment.

Merle Butler, 65, said aside from the cadre of financial advisers and lawyer he and his wife have been meeting with over the past two weeks, they told fewer than five people that they had become millionaires overnight.

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Confessed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik, left, talks with his lawyers at the Oslo court on Wednesday. "I am a militant Christian," he testified in Courtroom 250. LISE ASERUD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Freedom or death: Mass killer reveals his stark choices

Norway's massacre trial. 'I view 21 years in prison as a pathetic sentence,' Breivik tells the court in sensational testimony

The right-wing fanatic on trial for massacring 77 people in Norway says he wants either freedom or death.

He called the country's set prison terms "pathetic" and argued for the return of capital punishment, which was last used in Norway to execute Nazi collaborators after the Second World War.

"Acquittal or the death penalty are the only logical outcomes of this case," the confessed killer said.

"I view 21 years in prison as a pathetic sentence."

In the third day of his Oslo terror trial, Anders Behring

The world reels

Breivik claims Muslim immigrants are colonizing Europe with the tacit approval of liberal governments. That's why, he says, he went on a murderous rampage that shocked the world.

- **OSLO.** Eight people were killed in a bombing at government headquarters.

- **UTOYA.** Sixty-nine people, mostly teenagers, were shot to death on the island outside the capital.

Breivik was grilled by prosecutors about the anti-Muslim militant group he claims to belong to.

He rejected their suggestions that the "Knights Templar" doesn't exist, but admitted he had embellished when describing the network

in a 1,500-page manifesto he published online before the bomb-and-shooting rampage on July 22. He described it as a leaderless network consisting of "independent cells."

Prosecutors told reporters after Wednesday's hearing that they don't believe the group is real or that the meetings Breivik claims took place in Liberia, Britain and the Baltic countries ever happened.

The issue is of key importance in determining Breivik's sanity, and whether he's ultimately sent to prison or compulsory psychiatric care.

If found sane, Breivik could face a maximum 21-year prison sentence or an alternate custody arrangement that would keep him locked up as long as he is considered a menace to society.

If declared insane he would be committed to psychiatric care for as long as he's considered ill.

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Polling passion. Le Pen taking aim at Islam, wants to purify France

She calls herself the "voice of the people."

She styles herself as the anti-system candidate who will ensure social justice for the have-nots and purify a France she says is tarnished by immigrants and threatened by rampant Islamization.

The message of far-right presidential candidate Marine Le Pen has seduced thousands — and clearly scared President Nicolas Sarkozy as he seeks a second term.

The conservative Sarkozy is trying to woo those who would vote for Le Pen in Sunday's first round of balloting to bridge the gap with frontrunner Francois Hollande, a Socialist who all polls show will win the May 6 final round.

In a TV interview Wednesday, Sarkozy asked, "The vote for Marine Le Pen serves whom? Francois Hollande."

But Le Pen says Sarkozy is a has-been. "Nicolas Sarkozy has lost. He won't be re-elected," she said on Wednesday.

The 43-year-old mother of three wants France, and other euro zone nations, to give up the euro currency. She wants to drastic-



Far-right candidate Marine Le Pen predicts an election surprise. MICHEL SPINGLER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ally reduce the number of immigrants — to 10,000 a year — and to crack down for good on what she claims is the growing footprint of Islamic fundamentalists in France.

"They are advancing in the neighbourhoods. They are putting pressure on the population. They are recruiting young boys" to train for jihad, she said.

At a Paris rally Tuesday night Marine Le Pen enthralled a crowd of 6,000 by focusing on "the invisible, the forgotten ... those who are always last."

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'I made a mistake'

Spain's king says sorry amid outrage over hunting trip

In an unprecedented act of royal contrition, Spain's king apologized Wednesday for having gone elephant-hunting in Africa while his people endure an economic crisis.

"I am very sorry. I made a mistake. It won't happen again," King Juan Carlos said.

Looking sheepish and using crutches to walk, he spoke as he left a Madrid hospital where he had surgery after breaking his hip in a fall during the expensive trip to Botswana.

The 74-year-old had to be rushed back to Spain — now battling a 23 per cent unemployment rate.

The royal family has been in the news lately — and not for the best reasons.

The king's son-in-law is a suspect in a corruption case. And the king's 13-year-old grandson shot himself in the foot with a shotgun, even though by law in Spain you must be 14 to handle a gun.

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Grim photos. U.S. troops posed with bodies of insurgents, paper says

The White House and the U.S. Pentagon voiced regrets Wednesday for a new Afghan battlefield embarrassment — over photos.

Newly published shots purport to show U.S. troops posing with the bodies of insurgents in Afghanistan.

Defence Secretary Leon Panetta called it a violation of America's "core values."

"My apology is on behalf of the Department of Defence and the U.S. government," Panetta said.

U.S. President Barack Obama's chief spokesperson, Jay Carney, said the incident was "reprehensible."

The photos were published in Wednesday's Los Angeles Times.

One shows members of the 82nd Airborne Division posing in 2010 with Afghan police and the severed legs of a suicide bomber.

Another appears to show the hand of a dead insurgent resting on a U.S. soldier's shoulder as the soldier smiles.

The Army said an investigation is under way.

Panetta added, "This is



Wednesday's Los Angeles Times carries the story and the photos.
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war. I know that war is ugly and it's violent, and I know that young people sometimes caught up in the moment sometimes make very foolish decisions."

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No more weed for foreigners in Amsterdam?



A young man lights a joint in coffee shop Cool Running, which is licensed to sell marijuana, in Maastricht, Netherlands. ERMINDO ARMINO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drug tourism.

Businesses fight plan to turn marijuana cafes into members-only clubs open solely to Dutch residents

Dutch coffee shop owners went to court Wednesday in a last-ditch bid to block a government plan to stop foreign-

ers from buying marijuana in the Netherlands.

Lawyers representing the coffee shops oppose what would be the most significant change in decades to the country's famed soft drug tolerance: turning marijuana cafes into "members only" clubs open solely to Dutch residents.

Members would only be able to get into the coffee shops by registering for a "weed pass" and the shops would only be allowed a maximum of 2,000 members.

The move comes into force in the south of the country May 1 and is scheduled to roll out nationwide on Jan. 1, 2013.

Whether it will be enforced in Amsterdam, whose coffee shops are a major tourist draw card, remains to be seen.

Mayor Eberhard van der Laan says he wants to negotiate a workable compromise with the country's Justice Minister Ivo Opstelten.

Lawyers for the cafe owners told a judge at The Hague District Court that the move — aimed at reining in problems caused by foreign "drug tourists" who buy marijuana in the Netherlands and resell it in neighbouring countries — is "clearly discriminatory."

Lawyer Ilonka Kamans argued that Dutch drugs policy gives citizens "the fundamen-

Local impact

"We understand that this topic is something that's of interest to tourists, but it's equally important to our Dutch customers, which is most of them."

Marc Josemans, Easy Going coffee shop

tal right to the stimulant of their choosing" and should not deprive visiting foreigners of the same right.

Another of the coffee shop lawyers, Maurice Veldman, told The Associated Press outside the court that the problem of drug tourism is confined to southern provinces close to the Dutch border with Germany and Belgium and should be tackled with local measures, not nationwide legislation.

But government lawyer Eric Daalder defended the measures. "Fighting criminality and drug tourism is a reasonable justification" for the crackdown, Daalder told the court.

He said the government wants to bring coffee shops back to what they were originally intended to be: "small local stores selling to local people." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Airport security. Man strips naked in protest of security screening

Port of Portland police say a 49-year-old man stripped naked at Portland International Airport as a protest against airport security screeners.

The incident report said John E. Brennan's actions Tuesday evening caused some passengers to cover their eyes and their children's eyes while others looked, laughed and took photos. Two screening lanes were temporarily closed.

Police say the Portland man was arrested for investi-

gation of indecent exposure and disorderly conduct.

The Oregonian newspaper reports that the Port of Portland summary said Brennan "disrobed completely naked" while going through a security screening area.

He later told authorities he flies often and "disrobed as a form of protest against TSA (Transportation Security Administration) screeners he felt were harassing him."

He missed his flight to San Jose, Calif.

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Human rights

Inventor of web warns U.K. to drop surveillance plans

The scientist credited with inventing the World Wide Web says he's warned Britain's government to ditch plans to extend surveillance of Internet activity.

Tim Berners Lee, who developed the web in 1990, says the proposals to allow intelligence agencies to monitor Internet use and digital communications of British citizens

would be a "destruction of human rights."

Berners Lee told The Guardian newspaper in an interview published Wednesday that the proposals would place intimate information at risk of theft.

He says the government has not explained how it could safely store the data, meaning the plan should be scrapped.

Britain's Home Office has insisted that any new surveillance program would be limited and aimed at serious crime and terrorism.

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Canada becoming a net loser in oil-price increases: BoC

Crude costs. Oversupply and capacity contributing to undervaluing of western Canadian oil, Bank of Canada says

The Bank of Canada says Canadians are losing out on the run-up in world oil prices, which is impacting everything from business-input costs to consumer spending and inflation.

In a new analysis of the current makeup of crude prices, the central bank said Wednesday that Canada has

been importing high-priced Brent crude pumped in the North Sea and exporting lower-priced oil from Alberta since January, negatively impacting overall trade.

"The increase in the price of our oil imports raises production costs for Canadian firms and also puts upward pressure on gasoline prices, since about half of the gasoline purchased in Canada is produced using refined petroleum priced off Brent," the bank said in a statement.

That puts downward pressure on Canada's real gross domestic income, dropping the country's spending power to buy foreign goods and services, the bank said. In turn,

it also dampens spending on domestically produced goods and services.

Increases in oil prices are usually beneficial to Canada because the country exports more than it imports, with the resulting gain in real income from exports more than offsetting cost increases for businesses and consumers who must fill up at the pump.

"This is why the recent evolution of oil prices since January has been unfavourable for Canada," the bank said in its Monetary Policy Review, noting that about half of the gasoline purchased in Canada is more closely tied to the higher-priced Brent supply. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Price gap

- For more than a year, the gap has been widening between the price of the Brent oil Canada imports from the world and the price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil paid to Canadian producers.
- The difference now stands at about \$20 a barrel. Furthermore, some Canadian crudes are priced even lower at the Western Canada Select rate, which is now about \$20 below WTI.

Pipeline

TransCanada submits new Keystone route

TransCanada has proposed a new route for the disputed Keystone XL oil pipeline through Nebraska that avoids the state's environmentally sensitive Sandhills region.

The Calgary-based company submitted a series of proposed routes — including a preferred alternative — late Wednesday to Nebraska environmental officials.

The state has become a focus of concern for the 2,735-kilometre pipeline, which would carry oil from Canada to the Texas Gulf Coast.

President Barack Obama blocked the pipeline earlier this year, citing uncertainty over the Nebraska route,

which would travel above an aquifer that provides water to eight U.S. states.

Details of the preferred route were not immediately available. A spokesman for the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality said officials hope to post the full proposal on the Internet as soon as today.

A spokeswoman for the State Department said U.S. officials had not received notification of a new route. State Department approval is needed because the \$7-billion US pipeline would cross a U.S. border.

Earlier on Wednesday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation that would allow the Keystone XL oil pipeline to proceed, a move the White House has vowed to shoot down.

The pipeline project was included as part of a larger bill passed by the House that finances road projects through stopgap measures. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Ahead of the Curve

Bollywood actress Katrina Kaif displays Research In Motion's new low-priced BlackBerry Curve 9220 at a launch in New Delhi on Wednesday. RIM hopes the new model will attract users in India's thriving telecom market. The smartphone's appeal rests heavily on its use as a social media device, rather than on the security and email features that have attracted more business-minded customers in the past. The new device comes after reports earlier this month said RIM has agreed to give the Indian government access to private instant messages from users, though the company has so far refused to comment. **SAURABH DAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Canadian high-tech watchmaker raises \$4.5M



The Pebble smartphone-connected watch has raised more than \$4.5 million in pre-sales. **HANDOUT**

Of the more than 50,000 ideas that have been pitched on the crowd-funding website Kickstarter, seeking financial support for a new product, none have struck a chord with the web community more than the born-in-Canada Pebble.

It's a sleek, futuristic-looking wristwatch that wirelessly connects to the smartphone in your pocket — either an iPhone or Android device — and displays Caller ID information for incoming calls, emails, Facebook and Twitter messages, or calendar and weather alerts. And, of course, the watch also displays the time, with a number of digital faces to choose from.

Vancouver-born Eric Mi-

gicovsky and the rest of the team behind Pebble hoped to raise \$100,000 on Kickstarter to help launch the watch commercially.

They sought pledges ranging from a minimum of \$99 for one of the very first watches off the production line, up to a contribution of \$10,000 for a "mega distributor pack" of 100 watches.

The team had a little over a month to raise the money before their Kickstarter pitch expired.

To Migicovsky's complete shock, \$100,000 was raised in just two hours. It took 28 hours to exceed their target by 10 times, hitting the million-dollar milestone, and interest in Pebble hasn't slowed since.

Just over a week into the campaign, the Pebble has attracted interest from more than 31,000 backers for a total of more than \$4.5 million raised — a new Kickstarter record. And just about every minute of the day, new orders continue to pour in.

We try to limit that during the day now. Last week it was nuts," says Migicovsky, who studied at the University of Waterloo, where he started developing the first version of the smartphone-connected watch.

"Everything's a bit crazy, but in a good way."

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Savvy startup

- School projects helped get the first prototype developed, but the team had a hard time raising money to finance the watch in Waterloo, Ont.
- The project to Silicon Valley, Calif., where last summer the Pebble team was welcomed into the Y Combinator tech program, which helps new companies get off the ground.
- It was there that Migicovsky started working on the current version of the watch, which is due for delivery in September.

Carney denies he was offered BoE post

Questions arise.

Financial Times report suggests Bank of England might have its eye on the Canadian central banker

Mark Carney was given a chance to finally, unequivocally squelch reports he might leave his post early. He

was equivocally successful.

In his first public remarks on the issue Wednesday, the Canadian central banker denied — indirectly — he had been approached to take over the same post at the Bank of England, as reported by the Financial Times newspaper. He seemed even less categorical when asked if he will commit to serving out his term in Canada, which runs to 2015.

"The report is not accu-

Commitment?

"It's an honour to have this position and I intend to fulfil it."

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney, on whether he will serve out his term

ate," he said at a news conference in Ottawa when asked if he was approached as reported in the London-based newspaper.

The denial was repeated from the Bank of Canada Tuesday night, but Carney offered no more insight as to why the newspaper would say he was approached to run the United Kingdom's central bank.

The governor added he was focused on his responsibility as governor of the Canadian central bank and chairman of the Swiss-based Financial Stability Board.

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Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney speaks to reporters at a news conference in Ottawa on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Outlook. Economy gaining momentum: BoC

The Bank of Canada is taking a more positive view of the Canadian economy, while doubling down on warnings over household debt, the strong dollar and now the price of oil.

Building on Tuesday's policy rate announcement that predicted 2.4 per cent annual growth this year and next, the central bank's quarterly monetary policy review provided a generally positive spin on Canada's economic outlook — particularly in the first half of this year.

The central bank said growth in the first three months of the year will likely be a relatively robust 2.5 per cent annualized, well above the 1.8 level it had expected in its January report.

The second and third quarters will be similarly stronger than previously thought, it said, allowing the economy to return to full capacity for the first time since the recession by the first half of 2013 — as much as six months earlier than anticipated. Then the expansion will moderate, but remain positive.

"The economy has some momentum," bank governor Mark Carney told reporters following release of the monetary policy report.

The quicker closing of economic slack is consistent with Carney's signal on Tuesday that he may be preparing to hike interest rates sooner than many believed, perhaps as early as the fall, analysts said.

"The growth forecast presented by the bank would certainly justify some upward move in rates over the coming year or so," said CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld.

He cautioned, however, that only a minor setback would be needed to stay Carney's hand.

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Travel

WestJet teams up with Thomas Cook

WestJet Airlines said Wednesday it has an exclusive arrangement to fly sun destination charter flights for Thomas Cook Canada next winter.

The announcement, which came less than a week after the leisure travel company made an early exit from a five-year deal with Jazz Aviation, will see WestJet provide all flights for Sunquest Vacations in the 2012-2013 winter season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Retail

Couche-Tard expands to Europe with \$2.8B deal

Canada's largest convenience store chain is launching a long-anticipated overseas expansion with a \$2.8-billion US deal to buy Scandinavia's leading oil retailer. Alimentation Couche-Tard's shares hit a series of all-time highs on the TSX on Wednesday after the deal for Statoil Fuel & Retail ASA, the independent retail operations of Norway's state oil company, was announced. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Did you know that 90 per cent of the bear maulings that happen on public transit are preventable? It's true.

How do I know so much? Well, I love spending time in the Canadian wilderness, where the weather is unpredictable, deadly wildlife is everywhere, and several of the hostels have Wi-Fi that only works, like, half the time. So I know about roughing it.

Just saying

I've been thinking about this because last week there was a viral news video that showed a bear roaming in a Los Angeles neighbourhood. It even crossed paths with a man who had his head down while walking and texting. In a moment of tragedy, that man survived.

I've even hiked in the majestic Rocky Mountains. (They're inevitably described that way because, like royalty, they serve no practical purpose.) In the Rockies, you can't help but appreciate life to the fullest, because residents constantly remind you that it could end at any moment.

Every time you turn around, someone is reminding you that you're in "bear country," which unilaterally seceded from Canada in 1994. "Hello, and welcome to the Stay-a-While Inn," they'll say, "where we haven't had a bear mauling in 26 minutes. You're in room 122."

Please be advised, there is a bear warning in your bathroom."

And bear country is growing. I've been thinking about this because last week there was a viral news video that showed a bear roaming in a Los Angeles neighbourhood. It even crossed paths with a man who had his head down while walking and texting. In a moment of tragedy, that man survived.

But you might not be so lucky. Bears wandering in suburbs will become more common with climate change (i.e. bears can't afford downtown condos in this economic climate), so you'd best be prepared.

Here's what you need to know:

- Watch closely for signs that a bear might be nearby. These include hats, bow ties, neckties, and stolen picnic baskets. Also, ranger carcasses.
- LOOK OUT! Did you play dead this time? (Bonus tip: This also works in human relationships.)
- Sometimes playing dead doesn't work and it's better to fight back. The rule of thumb is that if a bear's putting a big sprig of parsley on your back, he's not buying it.
- Unless you've spent the last 10 years investing money in RIM, don't run. Bears can run at high speeds for long periods of time. And if you do start to get away, they'll just jump on one of those bicycles they always ride, while their trainer applauds them on.

And those are my tips. I hope you found them helpful.

OK, you can get up now. Unless there's a bear. In which case, feed it someone walking and texting. Everybody wins.



Gasp! A bear! DAN KITWOOD/GETTY IMAGES

New York City comes full circle



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Surreal landscape photo

For American photographer and filmmaker Randy Scott Slavin, it's a topsy-turvy world out there, full of "wonder and different perspectives." For his Alternate Perspective photo series, the 34-year-old New Yorker travelled across America turning everyday surroundings into surreal landscapes.

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individual images of a scene are used to build up a 360 degree photo. Then, using computer software, Slavin stitches them together to make a stereographic projection. Battery Park Night (above) was 35 photos, each with an exposure time of three seconds.

60 seconds



Randy Scott Slavin

Mesmerizing images — what inspired you?

Growing up, I was always inspired by the surreal, disorientating artwork of M.C. Escher.

But overall I'm motivated by seeing the world in a whole new perspective.

What was your biggest challenge in this art project?

It wasn't so much that I needed to take many photographs of the one scene as capturing it all many times with the constantly changing light. Also, standing outside in freezing winter air was not a pleasant experience.

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Twitter

@jlynnye: How can @edmontonpolice tell how fast you are going when coming up behind them? I didn't know they could. #istspeedingticket #yeg

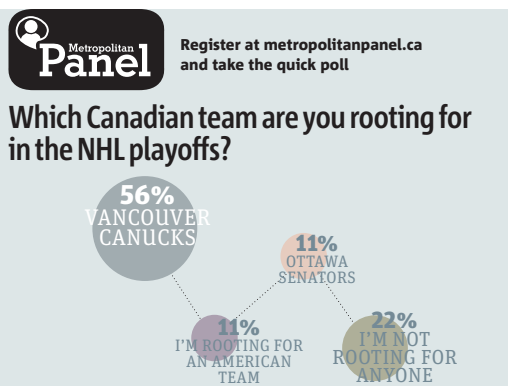
@islayrose: Ahhhhhhhh !!!... What happened to the sun....feel like I'm living in BC...#yeg

@damienvince: Clearly I need to pay more attention to my @ mentions. I see a whole lot of people in #yeg think

speeding is less of a crime than distracted

@zadora23: Oh, you tricked out your Dodge Neon? You must be right up there in Edmonton's street racing scene. #CondescendingWonka #YEG @tfred93

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Scene in brief

Beliebers will get new album on June 19

Have faith, Beliebers: Justin Bieber says his new album will be out June 19. Believe is Bieber's third full-length release and both prior albums — 2010's *My World 2.0* and last year's Christmas disc *Under the Mistletoe* — opened at No. 1 on the Canadian charts en route to multi-platinum sales. Bieber revealed the news during an appearance on the reality singing competition *The Voice* on Tuesday night.

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On the web



Great geeks: Morgan Spurlock trains lens on cultural phenomenon of Comic-Con



Brody heats up the charts and a few hearts with his number one single *Canadian Girls*. COURTESY STRUT ENTERTAINMENT

Dean Brody talks 'Dirt'-y

Country crooner.

Canadian singer's new album one of the most anticipated of the year



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Even when he talks, Dean Brody's words swirl out of his mouth with a hint of calculated rhythm.

He has that perfect mix of sensualism and shyness to his voice, even though he claims not to warm up his vocals before a performance.

Even while interviewing him, I can't help but wonder, 'Is that your real voice? Or do you just put that on for the ladies?'

Either way, his distinct singing style has become a calling card that has his latest record, *Dirt*, being one of the most anticipated albums of the year.

The first single, appropriately named *Canadian Girls*, hit the #1 spot on the Canadian country charts, making Brody the first Canadian artist to reach the top spot since Terri Clark in 2008.

The album also features a playful song called *That's Your Cousin* that pokes fun at Brody's small-town roots.

"The inspiration for the song came when my sister and I were out walking and discussing how some of the families have been here for generations. I said you better be careful who you date," teases Brody, who says his album inspiration came from everything as simple as dirt to

Quotable:

"You go from zero to a hundred in about 30 seconds."

Dean Brody, on the moment that he's about to take the stage.

complicated relationships.

"It blends altogether because that's life," says Brody. "Sometimes there are tough times, sometimes there are funny times. Everyone can relate to that."

Where Brody breaks the genre mould is by infusing heavy rock inspiration from his favourite bands, including Guns N' Roses.

He's hoping the strategy will serve him well on the upcoming Canadian tour.

"I really want to connect with our broadening fan base and take country in directions

it hasn't gone."

Changing things up helps Brody to keep things fresh. "I think I'm ADD with my writing, so I switch things up to keep from getting bored," he says.

But, perhaps what satisfies him most is when he's about to take the stage.

"You go from zero to a hundred in about 30 seconds. It's a huge rush."

To see Brody perform, catch him April 27 from 4–6 p.m. at the Lammle's store in West Edmonton Mall. You can also win your way in to the CISCN Coun-

Accolades

- Recently won album of the year, songwriter of the year and single of the year at the Canadian Country Music Association Awards.
- His album *Trail In Life* was also nominated for Country Album of the year at the 2011 Juno Awards.
- In 2011, he was the most played Canadian country artist and the fifth most played country artist overall.

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The Alabama Shakes', from left, Heath Fogg, Zac Cockrell, Brittany Howard and Steve Johnson pose for a photograph during the SXSW Music Festival in Austin, Texas. JACK PLUNKETT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alabama Shakes take unexpected magic carpet ride

Debut album. Boys & Girls getting lots of attention from the music industry, critical acclaim from media across the planet

Brittany Howard already had her life planned out by the time she hit her 20s, and it didn't include any of this.

The lead singer and force of nature in Alabama Shakes, rock 'n' roll's newest phenomenon, already had a good job delivering mail and hoped to hold onto it. Like many folks reared in the rural South, she didn't expect much more. Maybe she could carve out a little happiness with a husband and some kids.

"Where we're from, playing music and just playing music is not an avenue to take," Howard said. "It's not an option. Because like,

where we're from, most of the people, they've tried their best to get the best job they can and then they stay with that job until they can retire. So music was just kind of like our hobby. It was something we would do to release at the end of the day or still feel like human beings."

In less than a year, all that has changed and her quartet from Athens, Ala., has become a success story so unlikely even the band's manager calls it "an anomaly." Maximum buzz has preceded the Shakes' debut album *Boys & Girls* with sold-out tours of the United States and Europe, fawning media coverage and an endless string of surprises.

Howard, 23, sat down for a morning interview early in the band's overstuffed run through the South By Southwest Music Festival last month.

The band rented a house in a tony section of town and was loose and celebrating over breakfast tacos after a successful "Austin City Limits" taping and in anticipation of a heavy schedule of live showcases at the music conference.

They'd just learned they'd be joining Jack White for part of his tour and big opportunities seemed to be coming up every day.

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Analysis

Not your typical rock star attitude

Warm and open, but a little shy and hesitant to make eye contact, Brittany Howard hardly resembled the larger-than-life figure she is on stage. With only an EP, a handful of professionally produced videos and a legion of YouTube fan postings, there's been little for the curious to go on since the band first started gaining attention last summer. But every time Howard and her bandmates — bassist Zac Cockrell, drummer Steve Johnson and guitarist Heath Fogg — play out live, they gain more true believers who turn and pass on the word.

The Shakes' musical approach is laid back — simple riffs that sway and build laid down over fertile grooves. There's nothing elaborate and no need to be because within a few bars, Howard comes in with a voice that rattles the room.

Quote

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Brittany Howard
On their road to success

Mraz brings a new kinda love

Folk-pop. California singer breaks his heart open for new love-themed disc, on heels of multi-platinum performance

It's been nearly four years since Grammy-winning troubadour Jason Mraz released his multi-platinum album *We Sing. We Dance. We Steal Things* and its sunny ukulele-infused hit *I'm Yours*.

The California singer-songwriter says he had planned to tackle a follow-up to that disc at the end of 2010, and even had 40 or 50 new tunes written for it.

But one day he realized the tracks were "the work really of just clever songwriting" and didn't fit into his vision of a "love" concept album.

Mraz then told himself: "I need a little bit more experience in the world. I need to get out of my head and go break my heart open somehow," the socially conscious pop-folk artist recalled in a recent interview to promote his new album, *Love Is a Four Letter Word*, out this week.

"So I started doing more volunteer work and I started travelling more and pushing myself — surfing bigger waves, riding my bicycle farther, even questioning the relationships in my life to say, 'Do these really serve me and am I showing up the best way I can possibly show up, or am I just trying to fit some mould?'"

"I realized how many things I was attached to that were stopping me from being the strongest and have the most interesting life that I could. And once I broke that open, songs around May of 2011 really started to just pour out ... from my heart and not just from my pen."

Mraz tested tunes for *Love Is a Four Letter Word* on the road last year with his long-time friend, percussionist Noel (Toca) Rivera.

The trek took them around North America, Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Africa, where Mraz sang the cover tune *Freedom Song* — which is on his new album — with children living in a shelter in Ghana.

"It was raining one night when I first arrived, they all met me outside and they were singing the *Freedom Song* and they knew it word for word and it blew my mind," said Mraz, 34, noting the chil-



Jason Mraz, known for feel-good, hippie hits like *I'm Yours* and *The Remedy*, released his latest album *Love Is a Four Letter Word*

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Behind the tunes

More than just music

- **Charity.** A longtime philanthropist, he's created his own charitable foundation, helped with efforts to clean up the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and recently went to Antarctica

with former U.S. vice-president Al Gore to learn about climate change.

- **Eating.** Mraz is also a vegan and has an avocado farm in San Diego, where he got his start performing in coffee houses.

dren first learned the track from the non-profit organization that he worked with in Ghana, Free The Slaves.

"It again woke me up to the power of songwriting and what it can do to make someone's day or brighten up a moment."

Dancing and playing music and games with children there also taught Mraz he can connect with kids — something the Virginia native said he'd never before felt, even when he was young.

"That's the first time I ever thought, 'I could have kids, I could see how I could actually contribute to another little

kid's life,'" said Mraz.

"When parents say 'Oh, you get to relive your childhood all over again through your children,' I saw that too and I was like, 'Oh, this is a good idea. Maybe I'll adopt.'"

Though love is the theme of the new album, it's about more than just courtship of a relationship.

"It's compassion for others, compassion for oneself, it's loving unconditionally," said the soft-spoken Mraz, who's won two Grammys.

"There's a couple of baby-making jams on there but it's not all romantic love."

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The State Supreme Court-house in lower Manhattan was bathed in light on Tuesday night as movie stars (Catherine Zeta-Jones, Michael Douglas, Robert De Niro, and Dakota Fanning to name just a few), business titans (Ronald Perelman), media mavens (Katie Couric, Charlie Rose, Jared Kushner), designers (Tory Burch, Donna Karan, and Rachel Roy) and Mayor Michael Bloomberg kicked off the 11th year of the Tribeca Film Festival at the uber-swank Vanity Fair party.

We asked these celebrities: What's the first film you remember seeing that had a major impact on you?

Katie Couric

"My mom took me to The Birds when I was five-years-old. I don't think she knew how gory it was. And I remember running up and down the aisles screaming. And maybe that explains a lot. A lot."

Jane Rosenthal (festival co-founder with Robert De Niro):

"Mary Poppins. She was like the first super-hero woman. She could do everything. She was magical. She seemed to do it all. And there's a little girl named Jane so I really liked that too. I can still sing all the lyrics, but I won't."

Bob Balaban:

"The 5000 Fingers of Dr. T. was a really big movie for me. It's a cult classic now. It was a fantasy. It was MGM in the early '50s. It was all about a little boy and his piano teacher and he falls asleep and has a dream in which they built a piano

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where they had however many children — 5,000 fingers playing the piano. It's pretty beautiful."

A Douglas moment

- Reporters called to couple Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones (who looked ravishing in a one-shoulder gray sequined dress and Christian Louboutin heels) to come over but they wouldn't talk. "We talked all last night," said Douglas, referring to Monday night when he was honoured for his contributions to the theater at the 12th Annual Monte Cristo Awards.

stocks and bonds and what the differences were and what yields were."

Tory Burch:

"I always loved To Catch a Thief, especially for the clothes. It inspired me as a designer. I thought that the style was amazing."

John Forté:

"I remember cutting class one day to see Conan the Barbarian. We snuck into the wrong theatre and ended up seeing Wall Street. My friends fell asleep but I was captivated. I came home and started asking my mom to see the business section of the newspaper so I could learn about commodities trading and about

Perry 'a lost soul right now'?

Katy Perry has been putting on a brave face in the wake of her split from Russell Brand, but sources claim the pop star is pining for her comic ex, according to Us Weekly.

"Katy's been trying to get him back. She's a lost soul right now," a source says. The sudden change was reportedly spurred on by a trip to India earlier this month, where Perry and Brand tied the knot in 2010.

"She'd already been missing Russell. Being back there stirred up even more old feelings."

But a rekindled romance isn't likely, the source warns. "Right now, Katy and Russell are trying to get to the point where they can at least be friends."



Sharon Osbourne

Osbourne has some harsh words for Cowell

Sharon Osbourne has a few not-so-nice words for former co-worker Simon Cowell, now that an unauthorized biography on the X Factor boss claims Osbourne quit the reality show because she was jealous of Cowell's alleged affair with fellow judge Dani Minogue.

"I left because I didn't like that girl. When it's

not fun, you go," Osbourne insists on her talk-show, The Talk, in response to the story.

"I couldn't care if he was having sex with anything." But the outspoken Osbourne didn't leave it at that: "I think he is a victim of small penis syndrome," she adds. "You can't buy the goods."

Paquin and Moyer expecting their own lil' vampire

True Blood co-stars Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer are expecting their first child, a rep confirms to People magazine. The pair met on the HBO vampire series in 2007 and tied the knot in 2010 during a seaside ceremony in Malibu.

Shortly after they wed, Paquin had expressed hesitation about getting pregnant.

"I have trouble planning anything more than brunch with my friends," Paquin told Marie Claire at the time. "But when the time's right, we'll do it."

This is Oscar-winner Paquin's first child, while Moyer has a son and a daughter from previous relationships.



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Going out with a bang

Straight up. Rooney Mara's bangs in *Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* were all over last month's fall 2012 runways. But does this polished look work in hot, sticky weather? We discuss

ROMINA MCGUINNESS

Metro World News in London

"Cutting in fringe is a great way to change up your look dramatically without chopping all your hair off," says hairstylist John Ruggiero from L.A., who has worked wonders on the locks of Elizabeth Olsen and Gisele Bündchen.

"It's a great summer look because it can keep your hair away from your face and still look chic," the guru adds. He talks us through how to keep bangs looking cool and fresh as the weather heats up.

bangs in last month's runway shows). Let's be honest, though; a major part of the appeal is her attitude. "The best way to pull off a really cool fringe like Rooney Mara's is to have that effortless confidence. I'm seeing a lot of different fringe styles right now — straight, wavy, long, short, super short — but it's all about figuring out which look works best for you and owning it."

Pick your products wisely

Yes, you want your hair to look great, but you don't want to cause forehead breakouts under there. "Always go for a product that is lightweight and that will protect your hair against heat and humidity. Something like Bumble and Bumble Straight Blow Dry cream will work best. And maybe add a light holding spray at the end," Ruggiero adds.

Maximize one cut

Turn the most annoying part about wearing bangs — the fast grow-out — into an opportunity to play around with



Behold, the look that started it all: Rooney Mara's razor-sharp, super-cropped bangs. GETTY IMAGES

your 'do.

"Cut your fringe really short and then let it grow out getting a trim every four to six

weeks," he says. That way you can go super short one week, and longer and side-swept the next.

Three to compare



1 Short

Alexa Chung

Alexa's bangs aren't quite as blunt as Mara's, making for a more natural, undone look.



2 Longer

Jennifer Lawrence

Jennifer Lawrence's beachy fringe has that, "I've just come back from an island holiday," thing happening.



3 Longest

Rihanna

Rihanna nails the between-haircuts-sideswept 'do.

Go bold

It's been a little while since *Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* hit theatres, but Rooney Mara's hair is just beginning to take off as a trend (as witnessed by all of the blunt cut

Hair products to keep your fringe under control



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3 LIFE

Today's picks

Kenzo for Vans

Vans has churned out too many special editions of its classic Era shoe to count. Some of them have been really good. Others have just been, eh (pink Hello Kitty lace-ups, anyone?). But its latest collaboration with Kenzo achieves a rare perfect balance, basically creating a kind of prototype for what the skate shoe should be: colourful, a little off-beat and cool. The collection, designed by Humberto Leon and Carol Lim, features the same net graphic prints from their spring/summer '12 collection in seven different colorways. They're almost too cute to ollie in. kenzo.com

The paisley tee

Raf Simons is a hot topic, now that he's been named the new creative director of Christian Dior. A graphic shirt from his critically acclaimed ss12 collection for Jil Sander is not only an on-trend update for your jeans and Tee combo (paisley is everywhere right now), but a cool investment for hardcore fashion collectors.

KENYA HUNT, METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

On the Web



Designers from Edmonton, Toronto and Montreal among TFI New Labels finalists

Colours rain down

Spring showers. Don't let grey clouds get in the way of brightening your look this season

ASTRID VAN DEN BROEK
For Metro

Bye bye old black rain jacket and clunky boots. Nope, today's rain gear features eye-catching colours, fun patterns and more functionality than gear of the past.

COATS AND JACKETS

While the solid-coloured, tried-and-true trench coat promises to long be in style, today's updates to the trench include bright colours on grey days. "We're seeing pops of colour in coats that used to be geared towards bottoms but are actually now transitioning into outerwear," says Heather Hopkins, spokesperson for Toronto-based The Gap. You can now find trenches in cherry

reds, greens, yellows and oranges along with their more neutral-coloured counterparts. "Khaki is never going to go away, nor will navy," adds Hopkins.

"Sports-inspired jackets are also a huge trend this season featuring lots of zippers, pockets and bright colours," notes Karen Richter, showroom manager for Toronto-based H&M Canada.

BOOTS AND FOOTWEAR

"I like to stick with a solid khaki green or black rain boots because you can wear them with anything," notes Richter. "But this year, bright — even neon — coloured boots are on trend. I've also seen some tribal print boots this season."

Along with coloured boots, small tweaks or accents are adding distinction to boots this season. "We have a drawstring boot along with the calf to high-calf style," says Hopkins. "The drawstring version has a nautical feel and then there's the classic pull on, which has a chunky sole, which gives you more stability." Other touches featured on boots include buckles and buttons, contrasting coloured strings and pull-on straps.

UMBRELLAS

Like other accessories, umbrellas are a way to add some punch to an outfit. "If you're not invested in making a statement anywhere

else in your wardrobe you can do it with accessories such as an umbrella on a rainy day," says Hopkins.

While patterned umbrellas such as floral prints, stripes or polka dots continue to be popular, colours have also migrated into our rain covers. "Our umbrellas are going back to the colour blocking trend," says Hopkins. "The colour blocking is a red on orange, or a light orange on a red — so it's multiple two-tone colour blocking."

Men's Nylon Jacket, left, \$59.99, available at H&M, Floral Umbrella, centre, \$12.50, available at Old Navy, Lace-Up Rain Boots, bottom, \$34.94, available at Old Navy, Ladies Orange Coat, top, \$99, available at H&M.

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Bright ideas

Indoors. Add some punch to liven up your living space

ASTRID VAN DEN BROEK
For Metro

Now that the outdoors is fresher and greener thanks to spring's arrival, your indoors looks a little dull and drab. Here are six bright ideas to liven up your space for the season.

CHOOSE A FRESH COLOUR

Add some punch to that grey couch or beige walls by accentuating a room with one of spring's popular colours. "There are strong blues, pinks, corals, yellows out there," notes Arren Williams, the Bay's director of home fashions. "It's really about colours that almost clash together to give a bright and fresh feeling."

USE THE RULE OF THREE

"Anchor those neutral-themed pieces with three

colour accessories in the room, such as a glazed vase or linen cushions," notes Janet Lee, fashion director with Brampton, Ont.-based Home Outfitters. Using three means you don't overload the room with accent pieces.

SWAP BEIGE OUT

"Grey is the staple neutral colour," says Karl Lohnes, Metro's Décor Moment columnist. "Not just a pure grey, but a cool, greayer version of taupe, browns and greens." Williams adds there is also a push on for bright and

white. "We have a new bed called Distinctly Home Romantic bed that is linens in all-white textures," he says. "All of these layered together create a romantic spring-like approach to the bedroom."

THINK ASIAN ... FOR DÉCOR

"Touches of Asian décor is becoming popular and is easily affordable," says Lohnes. "So items such as white and blue Asian pottery, jade green accessories and gold brass flatware are all very popular." Home Outfitters is moving into Spice Route-themed colours for the sum-



Distinctly Home Romantic bed, above, available at the Bay, De Terra tableware, left, from \$15, available at the Bay, Royal Dalton tapas sets, from \$16.99 to \$63.99, available at the Bay, Decorated Painted Wood Vase, \$36.99-\$49.99, available at Home Outfitters. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

mer season. "We're taking orange deeper in colour be-

cause we want to anchor it with brown and more earth tones," says Lee. "We're also featuring some wood items." Light wood-toned items are also popular again.

LAYER UP

Work with what you already have, says Williams. "Say you have a set of white dishes — you

can layer up colour on top of that with linens or glassware."

DON'T OVERCOMMIT

"Don't invest in trend colours on long-term décor items such as upholstered furniture, area rugs or art," says Lohnes. "These items will outlast the trend and then become dated."



What's new. Blossoming trends

STEPHANIE ORFORD
For Metro

Spring runways proved that minimalism and exuberant ornamentation can indeed co-exist. Catwalks were abloom with florals, solid colours, stripes and everything else under the spring sunshine. Here's a guide to some of the key trends.

Ka-pow Colour

A bubble gum pink trench coat, classic red pumps, mint green high-waisted wide-leg pants. Put them all together or wear them paired with neutral colours to add the sartorial equivalent of some tangy sherbet punch to your look this spring and summer.

An array of candy-coloured jeans are available for men this season, like Ralph Lauren's in aqua, Marc Jacobs' in magenta, or Joe Fresh's in red. Adrienne Shoom, style director of Joe Fresh, suggests pairing them with a chambray shirt.



Soft Minimalism

If you would prefer to draw attention with the elegant wrap and drape of your clothing, rather than the colour, designers including Donna Karan and H&M sent perfectly modern neutrals down the runway.

kimono style draped jackets, wrap dresses and wide-leg pants, done in solid pale pastels and neutrals, with accents of purple and azure blue."

New Nautical

Mixing and matching stripes is the ticket to this season's twist on nautical, says Shoom. Women can pair striped pieces with crochet knits, primary colours, and wide-leg jeans to get this season's crisp seafaring look.

Men can wear a striped sweater over slim-cut jeans, or dress up white jeans with a dark blue shirt and printed blazer, she says. Richter suggests men add accessories or outerwear in vivid accent colours like red, yellow or orange.

Retro/Modern

Retro '60s-influenced styles continued to rule the runways this spring. For women, designers showed peplum jackets, oversized eyelet lace, ladylike pleated skirts and other wasp-waisted silhouettes perfect for a date at

the local diner, as in the Louis Vuitton spring offerings, available in knock-off form at Zara.

Sleek and Sporty

Nylon, neoprene and lucite. Mesh, cutouts, and iridescence. This spring and summer designers are using high-tech materials like there's no tomorrow, making garments with sporty lines that can be worn as a sleek antidote to an otherwise saccharine '60s-influenced outfit, or as a thoroughly modern addition to your office or going-out garb.

Black and White

Black and white pieces with interesting textures, cutouts and details are a rich take on minimalism for men or women. "A sharp white suit makes a statement, especially when worn with a 1950s style brogue shoe," says Richter.

Printed Men's Blazer, \$119, far left, Slim Colour Denim Pants, \$19, and Marine Dress, \$29, all available at Joe Fresh.

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This recipe makes 12 cakelets. EMILY RICHARDS



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For an added bit of sweetness in these cakelets, use a wooden spoon handle to make a small hole in the centre of each one and fill it with some icing before spreading the top with icing.

1. In bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg and baking soda; set aside.

2. In bowl, whisk maple syrup, sugar, eggs, butter and vanilla until smooth. Stir flour mix into maple syrup mix and stir to combine. Stir in carrots.

3. Scoop batter into 12 greased or lined muffin tins. Bake in centre of 350 F (180 C) oven for about 25 minutes or until cake tester inserted in centre comes out clean. Let cool completely.

4. Cream-Cheese-Maple Frosting: In bowl, beat cream cheese and maple syrup. Gradually add

icing sugar and beat until fluffy and smooth. Spread each cakelet with frosting and sprinkle with sprinkles if desired.

EMILY RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA

Ingredients

- 2 cups (500 mL) flour
- 2 tsp (10 mL) baking powder
- 1 tsp (5 mL) cinnamon
- ½ tsp (2 mL) ground nutmeg
- ¼ tsp (1 mL) baking soda
- ¾ cup (175 mL) pure maple syrup
- ½ cup (125 mL) brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup (125 mL) butter, melted
- ½ tsp (2 mL) vanilla extract
- 1 ½ cups (375 mL) grated raw carrots
- Cream-Cheese-Maple Frosting**
- 4 oz (125 g) light cream cheese
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) pure maple syrup
- 1 1/3 cups (325 mL) icing sugar

Cookbook of the Week

The Back In the Day Bakery Cookbook



Back in the Day Bakery is a Savannah, Ga., landmark. To celebrate its 10th anniversary, owners Cheryl and Griff Day have written a book filled with customers' favourites.

The book is packed with the couple's baking know-how and recipes for their Buttermilk Biscuits, Old Fashioned Cupcakes, Chocolate Bread, Cinnamon Sticky Buns, S'more Pie, Drunk Blondies and more.

Full-colour photos of food and behind-the-scenes bakery shots give readers a glimpse into the sweet daily life at the bakeshop. **METRO**

Make drool-worthy popovers

1. Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Coat a 1.5-l (6-cup) popover pan with cooking spray.

2. In blender, combine flour, milk, eggs, butter, sugar, salt and cardamom. Blend until very smooth batter is created, about 1 minute. Fill each prepared popover pan cup about halfway with batter. The remainder can be baked as a second batch or refrigerated for up to 24 hours.

3. Bake 30 mins. Remove popovers from pan and use knife to cut small hole in top of each for steam to escape. Let cool.

4. Filling: In bowl, gently stir mascarpone, honey, lemon juice and zest, and cinnamon. When popovers have cooled enough to handle, carefully tear opening in each just enough to be able to spoon in about 50 ml (1/4 cup) of the filling. Serve each with sliced strawberries or other fresh berries. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**



This recipe makes 12 servings. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ingredients

- Popovers**
- 500 ml (2 cups) all-purpose flour
 - 500 ml (2 cups) milk
 - 4 large eggs
 - 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter, melted
 - 15 ml (1 tbsp) sugar
 - 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
 - 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground carda-

- mom Filling**
- 2 tubs (each 250 g/8 oz) mascarpone
 - 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey
 - Juice and zest of 1 lemon
 - 10 ml (2 tsp) cinnamon
 - Sliced strawberries or other fresh berries, to serve

Truffle Fudge. Give these delightful treats away as thoughtful gifts



1. Grease bottom and sides of a 2.5 L (9-inch) square baking pan; line pan with parchment paper, leaving a 5-cm (2-inch) overhang; set aside.

2. Place pecans on a rimmed baking sheet. Toast in centre of oven 190 C (375 F) oven for 5 minutes or until golden and fragrant. Transfer to a bowl to cool. Roughly chop; set aside.

3. In a saucepan, combine sweetened condensed milk, dark chocolate and milk chocolate. Cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, about 5 min-

utes or until chocolate melts. Remove pan from heat. Stir in pecans and marshmallows or coconut. Pour into prepared pan. Use spatula to level top. Cover with plastic wrap. Chill for at least 2 hours or until firm.

4. Place cocoa in sieve and dust over top of fudge. Use parchment paper overhang as handles to lift fudge out of pan; cut into small squares to serve. Store fudge in refrigerator for up to 4 days.

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Ingredients

64 pieces

- 2 cans (each 300 mL) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 bar (300 g) extra dark chocolate, finely chopped
- 1 bar (300 g) milk chocolate,

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- 250 mL (1 cup) pecan halves
 - 250 mL (1 cup) mini marshmallows or grated coconut
 - 30 mL (2 tbsp) premium cocoa powder

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International furniture brand BoConcept looks to Canada for design inspiration

KARL LOHNES
For Metro

"When I think of Ottawa, I see many geographical similarities to Denmark," says Canadian-born designer Karim Rashid.

"That's how my new collection called Ottawa came to fruition for the 60-year-old Danish-brand furnishings store BoConcept."

Rashid, who was schooled at Ottawa's Carleton University, launched a global furniture and accessory line with BoConcept stores this spring.

The upper-to-mid price range Ottawa collection was inspired by Rashid's love of



Ottawa Chair in leather, from \$1,155.

nature, yet the look is far from rustic.

Its streamlined, simple forms and exquisite quality makes every piece an instant design collectable.

"People think that simple, modern furnishings are so easy

to design and make and therefore it should have a low cost attached," he said.

Actually, the simpler the piece, the better quality materials and longer production time is needed to make sure everything is perfect.



Karim Rashid sits on the Ottawa Chair, part of his collection for Danish furniture brand BoConcept. ALL PHOTOS HANDOUT

"By embellishing furnishings with fabric skirting, studs, trims and bobbles, we can hide a not-so-perfect-form. We hide nothing in this collection and it

works very well."

With three Canadian stores already established in Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto, and a Montreal location opening at

the end of the year, the Danish retailer is imbedding its roots coast to coast while injecting pure Canadian style into its international brand.

On buying a house for one

Buy Herself. Property Virgins' Sandra Rinomato helps single women buy their first home in a new series on HGTV

Sandra Rinomato first brought her real-estate know-how to the small screen in Property Virgins, helping first-timers looking to land a home.

With Buy Herself, which premiered Monday on HGTV, the Toronto real estate broker is again coming to the aid of prospective property owners. But in her new series, she is zeroing in on a steadily growing segment of first-time buyers: single women.

As someone who chose to purchase a property solo, Rinomato can relate to the unique challenges faced by singles venturing into the market — particularly when it comes to having a sole breadwinner make the mortgage payments.

"I wasn't guaranteed to get that paycheque every Friday, so that was an issue for me," the real estate broker said. "When I bought a house completely on

my own after a breakup, I was used to having a dual income; and then that extra person wasn't there anymore."

Rinomato was still able to fulfil her home ownership aspirations by opting to buy a property with a basement apartment.

"I said to myself: 'This basement apartment is nice enough for me to move into if I have to, and I can rent out the top for more money; or, I can rent out the basement and live up here.' So, depending on how bad my income became, I had options." When she later moved out of the home, she retained it as an investment property.

In Buy Herself, Rinomato works with women in their 20s, 30s and 40s, all with different reasons they're opting to buy — and buy alone.

In the series premiere, 37-year-old single, career-oriented Kelly is looking to leave behind her rental in a building largely populated by seniors for a place where she can be among fellow professionals.

Future episodes will include an aspiring real estate mogul living with her father and step-mother, and a single mother with a baby daughter who are outgrowing their rental.

Rinomato said this is the first time in modern history women are so prominent as both buyers and homeowners. She can recall a time many years ago where banks wouldn't loan to women without a male co-signer. There are any number of reasons propelling women to get a foothold in the market, whether it's a desire to decorate, nest and have people over or the appeal of a money-making investment, she noted.

Rinomato said safety is also a key and common concern and part of what's driving women toward buying condos.

Once the home search gets underway, Rinomato said first-timers should regularly revisit their wish lists as perceptions typically change when touring potential homes. She also encourages women to stay focused on their goals and needs.

"Forget about granite countertops. If they're not there, is that really going to affect your enjoyment of the property? If it is, OK, that stays on the wish list," she said. "Is the location really going to affect your lifestyle? If you don't mind a big commute to where you work and play, then you can buy outside of the city."

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From hotel to home decor ideas

Lap of luxury. Create a European, romantic-style bedroom inspired from Manhattan's NoMad hotel



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These days, you'd be hard-pressed to find newly designed hotels fashioned to please the traditionalist at heart; most are clean-lined, square edged and look somewhat cookie-cutter with their modern dark wood furnishings and pale blue fabrics.

Enter the NoMad Hotel that opened earlier this month in New York City's NoMad neighborhood

(north of Madison Square Park) at Broadway and 28th streets. The 168-room hotel is housed in a turn of the century restored Beaux-Arts building with interiors by French designer Jacques Garcia.

Details I love

The walls and drapes are crisp white and the window panes are highlighted with a punch of black shiny paint.

The artwork is all original and arranged as if it has been collected over the years.

The lighting is all made to look turn of the century, but purposed for today's life-style.

French charm

"The decor has lots of character. Rooms look like a poet's apartment in the heart of Paris, with an eclectic mix of rich materials like hand-knotted rugs, tapestries and silks."



Guest suites at Manhattan's NoMad Hotel replicate a French poet's residence from the 1920s, but with modern conveniences. NOMADHOTEL.COM



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Crashers offers you tips for ideas on how to transform your cooking and entertaining oasis — and maybe even raise the value of your home while you're at it.

Resurface

Consider saving money by resurfacing kitchen cabinets instead of completely replacing them. There are many different ways to update cabinets, including refinishing or

painting cabinet and drawer fronts, or installing new wood or laminate veneer on top of them. New hardware, such as hinges and knobs, can also help complete the upgrade, and cabinet interiors can be sanded, stained or painted to finish the transformation.

Lighting

The right lighting can dramatically change the look of a kitchen. By adding more

light, your kitchen will immediately appear bigger and brighter. Consider incorporating lighting layers such as task lighting, general room lighting and accents. Under-cabinet lighting is an example of task lighting because it focuses light on the work area. It is a simple way to add additional lighting while maximizing space, and provides cooks with additional light to work by. Accent lighting, such

as picture and inside cabinet lighting, can add some interesting and fun touches to your space.

Paint

Applying a fresh coat of paint to your walls will make surrounding countertops and cabinets pop! Choosing the colour will depend on the overall look you are after, such as a relaxing taupe or an energizing red. Start by

choosing a range of colours and then narrow them down to two or three options. By applying colour choices to canvas boards, you can easily move samples around the room and examine them in different lights and at different times of the day to see which ones are your ultimate favourites.

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Spring into bloom with beautiful butterflies

Your backyard. Even if your garden offers just a few butterfly-friendly blooms, it can help the insect's population

For a spring project that can get your family working and learning together — and also help some beautiful insects — try a backyard butterfly garden.

With just a little planning, you can create an attractive and welcoming habitat for butterflies through the warm weather months, says Rick Mikula, author of *The Family Butterfly Book* (Storey Publishing, 2000).

The biggest problem facing butterflies is destruction of habitat, Mikula says. Even if your garden offers just a few butterfly-friendly blooms in pots or containers, it can help the insect's population — and improve the look of your living space.

"Any offering for butterflies in a garden, no matter how small, is like chicken soup for a cold," he says. "It can't hurt."

The choice of nectar-producing plants on which butterflies feed varies by region. But wherever you are, Mikula says, your options don't have to be fancy. Simple flowers such as varieties of Echinacea, daisies, asters and even some violets can serve as butterfly-friendly snacking spots. Non-invasive milkweeds can be especially appetizing to migrating butterflies, without taking over your yard.

"Even one or two plants like that are going to be great because when the butterflies are moving, there's a place for them to stop," says Mikula, who lives in Hazelton, Penn.

You can start your research with books such as Mikula's, or checking out online resources. Try bugguide.net or butterfliesandmoths.org, recommends Nathan Brockman, curator of the Christina Reiman Butterfly Wing of Reiman Gardens at Iowa State University, in Ames. Some garden-supply retailers, such as Lowe's Home Improvement stores, offer online and in-store advice as well.

There are some concessions you may need to make if you plan to entice butterflies into your yard, Brockman says.

One is understanding that caterpillars, the butterflies' offspring, are going to eat host plants, including some herbs and vegetables you may have planned to serve at your own dinner table. Plant extra, and remember you'll be rewarded for the sacrifice when caterpillars turn into fluttering butterflies.

Also, be prepared to give up the use of pesticides on vegetable gardens or lawns.

"Don't use any at all if you are truly gardening for butterflies," Brockman says.

Mikula's tip is to soak tomato leaves overnight in water, then strain and spray the solution onto plants as an effective and organic pesticide that won't harm butterflies.

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A *Hylephila phyleus* butterfly. NATHAN BROCKMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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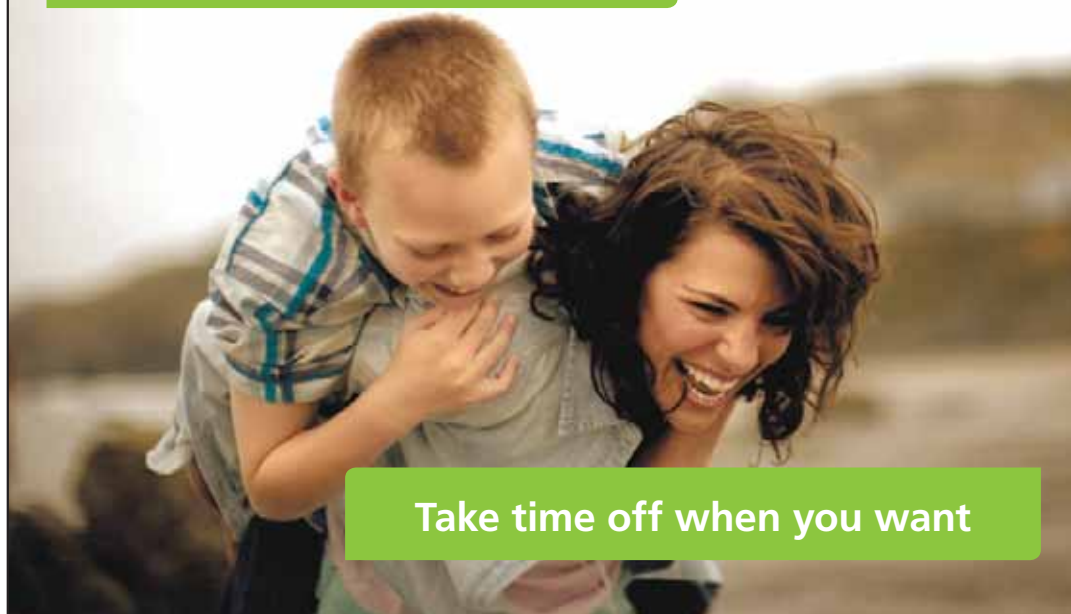
Butterfly gardening can be budget-friendly

- **Flowers.** Don't overlook smaller, less costly nectar-producing flowers that will entice tiny but attractive butterflies.
- **Plants.** Choose plants native to the region. They're most beneficial to the environment and require less maintenance.

- **Sunshine.** Butterflies like to bask in the sun, so putting out flat rocks near feeding spots can provide a perfect place for them to rest.
- **Puddling station.** While butterflies can get most of the moisture they need from feeding, many like to gather around puddles and wet places. You can offer a "puddling station" by creating a damp area covered with sand.

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Removing grease from napkins

Pre-treating
is the key

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Dear Charles the Butler, In being more environmentally friendly, my family uses cloth napkins instead of paper. The problem is, though we regularly wash them, greasy food stains stick around. I've tried spot cleaning with Dawn liquid dish detergent, which often has good results, but it's a time-consuming job. Is there

a better — and less time-consuming — way to remove grease stains?
Sally

Dear Sally,

Nice to hear you're teaching your family about their environmental footprint. I too use cloth napkins. They're more environmentally friendly and they are so much more enjoyable!

So how to clean these napkins? Unfortunately, each stain does need to be pre-treated. Time consuming, I know, but good dry cleaners deal with each stain/spot individually before a general cleaning.

A pH neutral soap, like what you're currently using,

should be applied to each grease stain, let it sit then rinse with cold water. To really work that stain, try soaking the napkins over night in a pail. You could also try commercial spot removers if regular soap is not doing the trick. It's important to remember if the stains are still on the napkins when you take them out of the washer, do not put them in the dryer until you re-treat the stain again. What goes into the dryer comes out the same way, and then it is permanent!

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Vintage isn't the only way to capture the Mad Men era

1960s style. Some tips on recreating retro style from the set decorators of the hit series

Now that another season of Mad Men is taking us back to the 1960s, lovers of mid-century modern style are eyeing

the sets for inspiration.

Luckily, the popularity of both the AMC show and the design style makes it easy to find furniture that sets the stage.

The retro decor complements many of today's furnishings — something to remember when you're trying to capture that '60s vibe, says Anthony Larosa, former furniture design department chair

at Savannah College of Art and Design. He cautions against going all-in on the vintage look, even if you love it.

"People would have had a mix of furniture in their homes," he notes. "We get attached to things; we take them with us when we move and re-decorate."

If you're keen to incorporate vintage, reproduction or newly reissued pieces from the

Mad Men era, he suggests starting by looking at books and magazines from the period to see what real interiors looked like. That's the approach the show's set production team took.

Living room furniture

Mad Men's set decorator, Claudette Didul, says she and production designer Dan Bishop are especially proud of the

Manhattan apartment they created for newlywed characters Don Draper, an ad agency exec, and his former secretary, Megan Calvet.

The split-level, open-plan living room was initially envisioned by show creator Matthew Weiner, but it was up to the production team to make the space cool, livable and able to accommodate shoot requirements.

Lighting

In period TV shows, light fixtures are essential in delivering the right look. On Mad Men, they're practically characters in themselves. Tall, slender wood, colourful opaque glass, gleaming metal — every set's personality is punctuated by one or two statement lamps.

Didul says the production team favoured vintage lampshades despite their fragility.

Operation Organization

TINA CHADHA
Metro New York

Melanie Fascitelli, a closet-organizing guru, shows us some tried-and-true ways to organize our clothes:

Edit your wardrobe

"The first thing you need to do is get yourself a partner, someone you trust, to help you edit," says Fascitelli, president and creative director of Close-ette Too, an online shopping guide for all

things organizing. "This person is someone who is going to tell you the truth, whose style you admire and who has a good eye for your own personal style. Editing or culling your wardrobe is not only about finding things that you haven't worn in one or two years, but also asking, 'Would I buy this today?'"

Colour code

Sort your clothes by colour and type. Keep pants with pants and skirts with skirts, and then organize each cat-

egory from light to dark, says Fascitelli.

It's all about the hangers

"The least expensive thing you can do to get your closet organized and cleaned up is to buy all the same style and colour hanger," says Fascitelli, who prefers using a neutral colour. For her product line, Clos-ette Too, she says they spent years developing the perfect hanger. "It's a skinny, soft hanger in five different styles for all different types of garments."

Folding vs. hanging

The general rule is "hang everything you can," says Fascitelli.

If you don't have too much space on your closet rod, the items she specifically feels should be hung are coats, pants, dresses, suits, tailored shirts, silk blouses and gowns.

The best items to fold and store on a shelf or in a drawer are T-shirts, sweaters, gym clothes, jeans and delicacies — such as beaded and cashmere pieces.



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Lighting is an essential part of the the Mad Men look. HO

Art

- Most of the modern art on Mad Men isn't actually vintage. Didul has found great pieces at rental galleries such as Art Pic in Los Angeles, and through artist friends.
- The dramatic dot graphic in the show's ad agency office was created by the art department under Bishop's guidance. The piece echoes the work of English Op Art

proponent Bridget Riley. Similar posters are at zazzle.com.

- You can find reproduced examples of one of that era's most prolific designers, George Nelson, known for sunburst, asterisk, polygon and ball wall clocks (Polygon clock, \$590 at wayfair.com).

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SPORTS

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"First off, I hope he's all right. But as far as the hit goes, I felt like it was a hockey play, just trying to finish my hit out there."

Phoenix forward Raffi Torres after laying a devastating hit on Chicago's Marion Hossa in the Coyotes' 3-2 win over the Blackhawks on Tuesday. Hossa was taken from the ice on a stretcher and released from hospital a couple hours later with "encouraging results," according to the Blackhawks. A hearing will be held Friday at the NHL's New York office to determine Torres' fate. In the meantime, he is suspended indefinitely and will sit out Game 4 on Thursday night.

NBA

West fined \$25K for 'wet willy'

Mavericks guard Delonte West has been fined \$25,000 by the NBA for jabbing his finger into the ear of Jazz swingman Gordon Hayward during the second quarter of Utah's 123-121 triple-overtime win over Dallas on Monday. The NBA issued the fine Wednesday, calling it a "physical taunt." West had been called for fouling Hayward away from the ball then walked after him to give him what he called a "wet willy." West received a technical but was not tossed out of the game.

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On the web



The Indianapolis Colts say they know who they'll select at No. 1 in the NFL draft and it will almost certainly be Peyton Manning's successor. But which top QB they'll take with the pivotal pick remains a closely-guarded Colts secret. Scan the code for the story.



Steve Sullivan celebrates after scoring a goal against Kimmo Timonen, centre, and Sergei Bobrovsky Wednesday in Philadelphia. MATT SLOCUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Penguins rout Flyers to extend the series

NHL. Pittsburgh scores eight straight goals to secure lopsided win

Pushed to the brink of a sweep, Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Jordan Staal pushed back with a vengeance, helping the Penguins score nine goals in the first two periods in a 10-3 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Wednesday in their opening-round playoff series.

Staal had a hat trick, Malkin scored his first two goals

Game 4	
10	3
Penguins	Flyers

of the series and Crosby added one to help the Penguins cut the series deficit to 3-1. Game 5 is Friday in Pittsburgh.

Marc-Andre Fleury settled down after a shaky first period and had his best game of the series, easily outplaying counterpart Ilya Bryzgalov.

The Flyers led 3-2 when the Penguins reeled off eight straight goals to win the most lopsided game of the series.

"It was a crazy game in a lot of ways," Pittsburgh coach Dan Bylsma said. "But we got a lot of big saves at key times, and we were able to turn it the other way."

Claude Giroux, Kimmo Timonen and Jakub Voracek all scored for the Flyers, who blew their chance at a stunning sweep of the 108-point Penguins. Bryzgalov, shaky all series, was at his worst in Game 4. He was yanked for Sergei Bobrovsky after allowing his fifth goal of the

Historic night

The Penguins were the first team to score at least 10 goals in a playoff game since the Los Angeles Kings scored 12 against the Calgary Flames on April 10, 1990, according to STATS LLC.

game.

"We had a task tonight to win one game, and focus only on one game," Bylsma said. "And we got that win tonight. That's our focus for the next game, back in Pittsburgh."

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Football. CFL approves rule changes to add video review to all scoring plays

There will be no more second guessing from armchair quarterbacks — at least as far as scoring is concerned — when the CFL kicks off with its opening exhibition games on June 13 with the Argonauts in Hamilton and Saskatchewan in Vancouver.

The league announced on Wednesday that all scoring plays will be reviewed by video from the command centre.

That means all TDs, field

goals, singles and safety touches will be reviewed without either team challenging the scoring play.

A couple of key safety rules have also been approved by the CFL's board of governors.

Officials will blow the play dead immediately if a ball carrier's helmet comes off. The play will resume at the spot where the helmet came off.

Also, any player whose helmet comes off during a play

must stop in his tracks. He can't make a tackle. He can't try to deflect a pass. He must refrain from participating in the play.

If a helmetless player doesn't stop, his team will be penalized 10 yards for illegal participation. And if a player hits a player without a helmet — and that player isn't involved in the play — the offender's team will be penalized 15 yards for unnecessary roughness.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Henry Burris gives a thumbs-up during the Tiger-Cats' pre-season mini-camp Wednesday in Hamilton. SCOTT GARDNER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Senators beat Rangers in OT

Kyle Turris scored at 2:42 of overtime to give the Ottawa Senators a 3-2 victory over the New York Rangers Wednesday night.

The Senators tied their Eastern Conference quarter-final series 2-2. Game 5 is Saturday in New York.

Ottawa cut the Rangers' lead to 2-1 at the seven-minute mark of the second as Matt Carner, coming out of the penalty box, took a pass from Jason Spezza and fed it to Michalek, who backhanded it over Lundqvist's right shoulder.

The crowd of 20,340 at Scotiabank Place went on to give Ottawa a standing ovation for over three minutes.

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Predators

Busy nights in goal for Pekka Rinne

The break in the schedule is giving Predators goaltender Pekka Rinne a little rest. Now his teammates want to give him a chance to catch his breath against the Detroit Red Wings.

Thanks to Rinne stopping 35 or more shots in each win, Nashville is up 3-1 in pushing the Red Wings to the brink of elimination in their first-round Western Conference series.

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Olympic soccer

Beckham still vying for roster spot

David Beckham remains in contention for Britain's Olympic football team after surviving the latest cut in the squad.

Manager Stuart Pearce has slashed his long list of 191 players down to 80 since January as he prepares Britain's first Olympic football team since 1960. The 18-man squad is expected to be named by June.

Beckham, who will turn 37 next month, would be one of three over-age players allowed to feature in the squad if he is selected. He has expressed a desire to play at the London Games with his career in the England team effectively over. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. OTTAWA (8)
(Series tied 2-2)
Last night's result
Ottawa 3 N.Y. Rangers 2 (OT)
Saturday's game
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
BOSTON (2) VS. WASHINGTON (7)
(Boston leads series 2-1)
Monday's result
Boston 4 Washington 3
Tonight's game
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Washington at Boston, 3 p.m.
FLORIDA (3) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
(Florida leads series 2-1)
Tuesday's result
Florida 4 New Jersey 3
Tonight's game
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
New Jersey at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
PITTSBURGH (4) VS. PHILADELPHIA (5)
(Philadelphia leads series 3-1)
Last night's result
Pittsburgh 10 Philadelphia 3
Tomorrow's game
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

SENATORS 3, RANGERS 2 (OT)

First Period
1. N.Y. Rangers, Stralman 2 (Richards, Gaborik) 0:49 (pp)
2. N.Y. Rangers, Callahan 2 (Gaborik, Richards) 6:10 (pp)
Penalties — Smith Ott (boarding) 0:39, Karlsson Ott (tripping) 5:45, Prust NYR (boarding) 7:10, Konopka Ott (roughing) 10:32, McDonagh NYR (tripping) 14:54.
Second Period
3. Ottawa, Michalek 1 (Carkner, Spezza) 7:04
4. Ottawa, Gonchar 1 (Foligno, Neil) 17:50 (pp)
Penalties — McDonagh NYR (high-sticking) 1:21, Carkner Ott (hooking) 4:55, Bickel NYR (holding stick) 8:11, Smith Ott (interference) 11:01, Anisimov NYR (hooking) 16:48.
Third Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Foligno Ott (high sticking) 1:55, Foligno Ott (tripping) 14:35.
Overtime
5. Ottawa, Turris 1 (O'Brien, Gonchar) 2:42
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by
NY Rangers 12 7 11 3—33
Ottawa 12 9 9 1—31
Goal — N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (OTL 2-2); Ottawa: Anderson (W 2-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — N.Y. Rangers: 2-7; Ottawa: 1-5.
Attendance — 20,340 (19,153) at Ottawa.

PENGUINS 10, FLYERS 3

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Giroux 5 (Jagr, Simmonds) 1:14 (pp)
2. Pittsburgh, Malkin 1 (Dupuis, Park) 3:37
3. Pittsburgh, Niskanen 1 (Crosby, Sullivan) 8:05 (pp)
4. Philadelphia, Timonen 1 (Giroux, Briere) 15:06 (pp)
5. Philadelphia, Voracek 2 (Simmonds, Hartnell) 15:52 (pp)
6. Pittsburgh, Crosby 3 (Niskanen, Malkin) 16:19
7. Pittsburgh, Staal 3 (Tangradi, Cooke) 17:29

WESTERN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
(Los Angeles leads series 3-0)
Last night's result
Vancouver at Los Angeles
Sunday's game
x-Los Angeles at Vancouver, TBA
ST. LOUIS (2) VS. SAN JOSE (7)
(St. Louis leads series 2-1)
Monday's result
St. Louis 4 San Jose 3
Tonight's game
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
PHOENIX (3) VS. CHICAGO (6)
(Phoenix leads series 2-1)
Tuesday's result
Phoenix 3 Chicago 2 (OT)
Tonight's game
Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
NASHVILLE (4) VS. DETROIT (5)
(Nashville leads series 3-1)
Tuesday's result
Nashville 3 Detroit 1
Tomorrow's game
Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.

x — played only if necessary

Penalties — Sullivan Pgh (high-sticking) 0:17, Malkin Pgh (hooking) 1:29, Coburn Pha (holding) 6:42, Rinaldo Pha (interference) 12:19, Kunitz Pgh (interference) 13:02, Orpik Pgh (cross-checking) 13:28, Cooke Pgh (high-sticking) 13:52, Carle Pha (interference) 20:00.
Second Period
8. Pittsburgh, Letang 1 (Crosby, Sullivan) 3:07 (pp)
9. Pittsburgh, Staal 4 (Kennedy, Cooke) 7:21 (pp)
10. Pittsburgh, Sullivan 1 (Feury) 10:55 (pp)
11. Pittsburgh, Dupuis 2 (Kunitz) 14:59
12. Pittsburgh, Staal 5 (Engelland) 16:03
Penalties — Giroux Pha (high-sticking) 2:51, Grossmann Pha (tripping) 5:32, Carle Pha (holding stick) 8:13, Read Pha (roughing) 10:40, Park Pgh (interference), Philadelphia bench (too many men; served by Wellwood) 12:01, Rinaldo Pha (cross-checking, roughing) 16:43.
Third Period
13. Pittsburgh, Malkin 2 (Kunitz, Kennedy) 4:04
Penalties — Cooke Pgh (holding stick, misconduct), Vitale Pgh, Simmonds Pha (unsportsmanlike conduct, misconduct), Kubina Pha (cross-checking, misconduct) 8:48.
Shots on goal by
Pittsburgh 15 16 5 — 36
Philadelphia 11 9 5 — 25
Goal (shots-saves) — Pittsburgh: Feury (W 1-3); Philadelphia: Bryzgalov (L 3-1) (18-13), Bobrovsky (3:07 second; 18-13). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Pittsburgh: 4-9; Philadelphia: 3-5.
Attendance — 20,172 (19,537) at Philadelphia.
PLAYOFF SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	4	4	8
Briere, Pha	4	1	5
Brown, LA	4	1	5
Crosby, Pgh	2	3	5
McDonald, STL	2	3	5
Neal, Pgh	2	3	5
Jagr, Pha	1	4	5
Schenn, Pha	1	4	5
Berglund, STL	3	1	4

Not including last night's games

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EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	7	4	.636	—
Toronto	6	5	.545	1
New York	6	5	.545	1
Tampa Bay	6	6	.500	1½
Boston	4	8	.333	3½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	8	3	.727	—
Cleveland	5	4	.556	2
Chicago	5	5	.500	2½
Kansas City	3	8	.273	5
Minnesota	3	8	.273	5
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	10	2	.833	—
Seattle	6	6	.500	4
Oakland	5	7	.417	5
Los Angeles	4	7	.364	5½

Last night's results
Tampa Bay 12 Toronto 2
Chicago White Sox 8 Baltimore 1
Detroit 4 Kansas City 3
Minnesota 6 N.Y. Yankees 5
Texas 6 Boston 3
Oakland at L.A. Angels
Cleveland at Seattle
Tuesday's results
Toronto 7 Tampa Bay 3
Baltimore 3 Chicago White Sox 2
Cleveland 9 Seattle 8
Detroit 3 Kansas City 1
N.Y. Yankees 8 Minnesota 3
Oakland 5 L.A. Angels 3
Texas 18 Boston 3
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Baltimore (Hammel 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 1-1), 2:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Swarzak 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Daryush 0-2) at Detroit (Wilks 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Hellickson 1-0) at Toronto (H.Alvarez 0-4), 7:07 p.m.
Oakland (Milone 1-1) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 2-0), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 0-1) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 1-1), 10:10 p.m.

RAYS 12, BLUE JAYS 2

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Jennofs cf	4	2	1	0	YEscor ss	5	1	4	0
Zobrist rf	4	2	1	2	KJhnsn 2b	5	0	0	0
CPena 1b	4	1	0	1	Bautist rf	3	0	1	1
Longori 3b	4	1	1	1	Encrnc dh	5	0	2	0
Scott dh	5	1	2	4	Lind 1b	4	0	0	0
Kppng 2b	3	0	0	0	Lawrie 3b	4	0	1	0
Brngs ss	2	0	0	0	RDavis lf	3	0	0	0
Joyce lf	5	3	3	1	Vizquel ph	1	0	1	0
JMolin c	3	0	1	1	Arencic c	0	0	0	0
SRdrgz ss-2b	2	2	1	2	Rasms cf	4	0	2	0
Mathis c	3	1	1	1					
Thams ph-lf	1	0	0	0					
Totals	36	12	10	12	Totals	38	2	12	2
Tampa Bay	210	102	006	-12					
Toronto	110	000	000	-2					
E—Lawrie (2). DP—Tampa Bay 1, Toronto 1.									
LOB—Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 11. 2B—Joyce 2									
(2). HR—Zobrist (2), Scott (3), Joyce (3), S.Rodriguez (1), Mathis (1). SF—S.Rodriguez.									
Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO			
Price W,2-1	5-2-3	8	2	2	2	3			
W.Davis	1-2-3	3	0	0	0	2			
Jo.Peralta H,1	2-3	0	0	0	0	2			
Howell	1	1	0	0	0	2			
Toronto									
Morrow L,0-1	6	8	6	6	3	2			
L.Perez	2	0	0	0	0	4			
Villanueva	1	2	6	5	2	0			
HBP—by Villanueva (J.Molina). WP—Villanueva.									
T—3:11. A—15,828 (49,260) at Toronto.									

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	10	3	.769	—
Atlanta	7	5	.583	2½
New York	7	5	.583	2½
Miami	6	6	.500	3½
Philadelphia	5	6	.455	4
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	9	3	.750	—
Milwaukee	6	6	.500	3
Pittsburgh	5	7	.417	4
Cincinnati	4	8	.333	5
Houston	4	8	.333	5
Chicago	3	9	.250	6
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	9	3	.750	—
Arizona	7	5	.583	2
Colorado	6	6	.500	3

Yesterday's results
Atlanta 14 N.Y. Mets 6
Colorado 8 San Diego 4
Miami 9 Chicago Cubs 1
Milwaukee 3 L.A. Dodgers 2 (10 innings)
Pittsburgh 2 Arizona 1
St. Louis 11 Cincinnati 1
Washington 3 Houston 2
Philadelphia at San Francisco
Tuesday's results
Atlanta 9 N.Y. Mets 3
Colorado 5 San Diego 3
Miami 5 Chicago Cubs 2
Milwaukee 5 L.A. Dodgers 4
Pittsburgh 5 Arizona 4
San Francisco 4 Philadelphia 2
St. Louis 2 Cincinnati 1 (10 innings)
Washington 1 Houston 0
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 2-0) at Miami (Nolasco 1-0), 12:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Harang 0-1) at Milwaukee (Wolf 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Arroyo 0-0) at St. Louis (Wainwright 0-2), 1:45 p.m.
Houston (Norris 0-0) at Washington (E.Jackson 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Minor 1-0) at Arizona (Collmenter 0-0), 9:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Worley 0-1) at San Diego (Wieland 0-1), 10:05 p.m.

LACROSSE

NLL

EAST DIVISION						
	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA GB
x-Toronto	14	7	7	.500	170	172 —
x-Philadelphia	14	7	7	.500	159	183 —
x-Rochester	14	6	8	.429	173	176 1
Buffalo	14	5	9	.357	167	179 2
WEST DIVISION						
	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA GB
x-Colorado	14	11	3	.786	193	171 —
x-Calgary	15	11	4	.733	207	164 ½
x-Minnesota	14	7	7	.500	171	167 4
Edmonton	13	5	8	.385	136	143 5½
Washington	14	4	10	.286	150	171 7
x — clinched playoff berth.						
Tomorrow's games — All Times Eastern						
Edmonton at Colorado, 9 p.m.						
Toronto at Washington, 11 p.m.						
Saturday's games						
Rochester at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.						
HBP—by Villanueva (J.Molina). WP—Villanueva.						
T—3:11. A—15,828 (49,260) at Toronto.						

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	47	15	.758	—
y-Miami	44	17	.721	2½
x-Indiana	40	22	.645	7
y-Boston	37	26	.587	10½
x-Atlanta	37	25	.597	10
x-Orlando	36	26	.581	11
New York	33	29	.532	14
Philadelphia	32	30	.516	15
Milwaukee	29	32	.475	17½
Detroit	23	39	.371	24
New Jersey	22	41	.349	25½
Toronto	22	41	.349	25½
Cleveland	20	41	.328	26½
Washington	16	46	.258	31
Charlotte	7	54	.115	39½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	44	16	.733	—
x-Oklahoma City	44	17	.721	½
dx-L.A. Lakers	39	23	.629	6
x-L.A. Clippers	39	23	.629	6
Memphis	37	25	.597	8
Dallas	35	28	.556	10½
Denver	34	28	.548	11
Phoenix	32	29	.525	12½
Utah	32	30	.516	13
Houston	32	30	.516	13
Portland	28	34	.452	17
Minnesota	25	38	.397	20½
Golden State	22	38	.367	22
Sacramento	20	41	.328	24½
New Orleans	19	43	.306	26

d — division leader; x — clinched playoff berth; y — clinched division

Last night's results
Miami 96 Toronto 72
Atlanta 116 Detroit 84
Boston 102 Orlando 98
Chicago 100 Charlotte 68
Dallas 117 Houston 110
L.A. Clippers 104 Denver 98
Memphis 103 New Orleans 91
New York 104 New Jersey 95
Philadelphia 103 Cleveland 87
Washington 121 Milwaukee 112
San Antonio at Sacramento
Utah at Portland
Oklahoma City at Phoenix
L.A. Lakers at Golden State
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

HEAT 96, RAPTORS 72

TORONTO (72)
Anderson 7-18 1-2 15, A.Johnson 1-4 1-1 1-3, Gray 1-1 0-0 2, Uzoh 1-4 1-2 3, DeRozan 5-14 2-12, Davis 3-6 2-2 8, J.Johnson 7-12 3-3 12, Forbes 4-10 1-2 9, Alabi 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 30-78 11-15 72.
MIAMI (96)
James 12-15 3-4 28, Haslem 5-7 0-1 10, Pittman 3-8 2-3 8, Chalmers 3-4 2-2 9, Jones 0-7 0-0 0, Battier 2-4 1-2 7, Anthony 3-5 0-0 6, Miller 5-8 0-0 13, Cole 1-8 0-0 2, Harris 1-2 0-0 2, Howard 3-5 1-3 7, Curry 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 40-76 9-15 96.
Toronto 24 25 11 12 — 72
Miami 25 26 23 22 — 96
3-Point Goals—Toronto 1-16 (J.Johnson 1-2, DeRozan 0-2, Forbes 0-4, Anderson 0-8), Miami 7-17 (Miller 3-4, Battier 2-4, James 1-1, Chalmers 1-1, Harris 0-1, Cole 0-2, Jones 0-4). Fouled Out—Pittman. Rebounds—Toronto (Alabi, J.Johnson 6), Miami (Haslem 7). Assists—Toronto 12 (Anderson 3), Miami 25 (Chalmers 7). Total Fouls—Toronto 17, Miami 16. A—19,600 (19,600) at Miami, Fla.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	7	7	0	0	12	21	21
New York	6	3	2	1	16	10	10
D.C. United	7	2	2	3	8	7	9
Houston	4	2	1	1	3	3	7
New England	6	2	4	0	5	8	6
Columbus	5	2	3	0	4	7	6
Chicago	4	1	1	2	3	4	5
Montreal	8	1	5	2	7	15	5
Philadelphia	5	1	3	1	3	6	4
Toronto	5	0	5	0	2	10	0

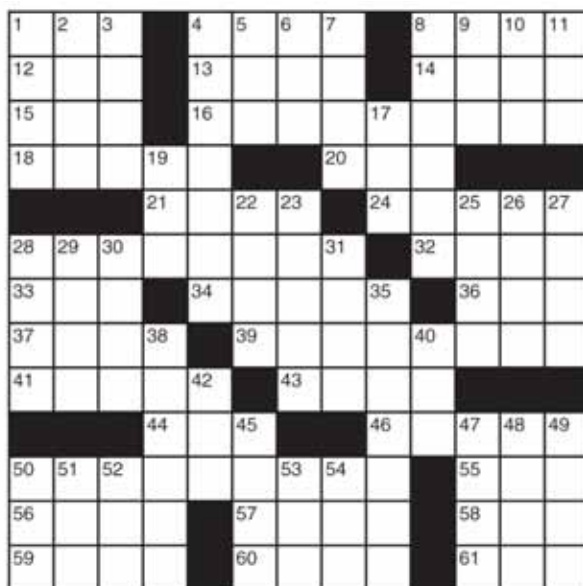
Crossword

Across

- 1 Upper limit
4 Little demons
8 Be in charge of
12 Coloration
13 Appearance
14 Shrek, for one
15 Refuge craft
16 Erich Segal novel
18 Hymn of praise
20 Bankroll
21 Nuisance
24 Veranda
28 Furniture for two
32 Mediterranean strip
33 — out a living
34 Dieter's entree
36 Forefront
37 Broadcasts
39 Small parrot
41 Skewered meal
43 Pleasant
44 To and —
46 Jockey's handful
50 Tomato
55 Siesta
56 Satan's field
57 Genealogy chart
58 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
59 On the tainted side
60 Fax
61 Fix a cuff

Down

- 1 Bloke
2 Emanation
3 Lap dog, for short
4 Doctor's concern
5 Cattle call?
6 Angle (Abbr.)
7 Distort
8 Frank
9 Id counterpart
10 Timetable abbr.
11 Susan of "L.A. Law"
17 Easy mark
19 Mimic
22 Caulk
23 Claw
25 Sitarist Shankar
26 Autocrat
27 Full house, e.g.
28 Secrecy thwarter
29 Tom Joad type
30 Hit or miss?
31 "Rikki-Tikki- —"
35 Issued a fiat
38 Without risk
40 Spell-down
42 Support system?
45 Makes a decision
47 Part of the foot?
48 Scruff
49 Unwanted e-mail
50 Journey segment



51 Eggs
52 Energy
53 Ante-

54 Writer Deighton

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

CKGBX ZJMRA Z WGCANU
WNBXM QEM WYML RT AM
JN Z QEGF-JZDW BZYTNDANY:
"AEN KGFZYU MC LZQL."
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF THE KING OF
HUMBACKS HAD A MALE OFFSPRING, WOULD
HE BE CALLED THE PRINCE OF WHALES?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals W

Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

No matter how much of a hard time others give you today, you must not rise to the bait.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

As the Sun moves into your birth sign today, your expectations are sure to be high but don't try to do everything at once.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You may find it difficult to take a certain person seriously but the planets indicate he or she has something important to teach you.

♊ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Speed is of the essence so don't waste time thinking about what you intend to do, just do it.

♊ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

The Sun crosses the career angle of your chart, making you even more active and ambitious than usual.

♊ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

You've been too intense, but now the Sun is moving into one of the more easygoing areas of your chart. You can start smiling again.

♊ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Partners and loved ones will be rather demanding today and money worries may be a problem too.

♊ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

The Sun's move into your opposite sign may make it seem as if others have the upper hand but they don't. You're still the boss.

♊ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Assert your authority and make sure friends and rivals alike are aware that you are not going soft in your old age.

♊ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

The Sun moves into the most dynamic area of your chart today and over the next four weeks you must go all out to realize your ambitions.

♊ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

It doesn't matter what you start so long as you start something. A good place to begin would be your home.

♊ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

If what you're working on fails to inspire you then ditch it — and find your real passion. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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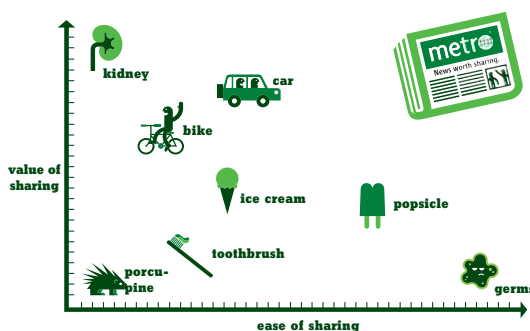
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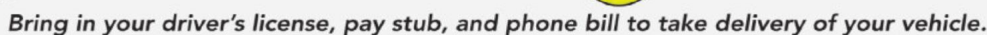
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